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M. L. PERSIA	7951	W. A. Wheler	12th ,,
* PENINSULAR	5294	A. G. Cubitt	19th ,,
M. L. MONGOLIA	10000	C. F. Preston	26th ,,
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M. L. CALEDONIA	7558	C. H. S Tocque	9th ,,
* PENINSULAR	5295	A. G. Cubitt	16th ,,
M. L. EGYPT	7912	J. R. Lendon	23rd ,,
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M. L. MARMORA	10500	G. L. Langborne	6th Feb.
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M. L. ARABIA	7903	T. Leigh	20th ,,
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TO-MORROW SATURDAY, the 14th instant, at 3 p. m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece goods, etc.

AT 1-30 P. M.

1 handsome strong second hand victoria in very good order.
1 handsome strong palanquin office shigram in good order.
1 handsome strong glass fronted miniature trougham in very good order.
1 bay Arab, quiet in harness and saddle.
1 grey pony quiet in harness.
1 handsome strong English-built victoria, in very good order.
1 handsome strong English-built rubber-tyred Ralli cart, in very good order.
1 handsome strong rubber-tyred vis-a-vis, in very good order.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 13th November, 1903.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY, No. 7, MARINE STREET.

TO-MORROW SATURDAY, the 14th instant, at 1 p. m., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the "Sunny House," Merewether Road, Apollo Bunder, opposite the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, by order of the concerned, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood dining, drawing and bed-room furniture, glassware and crockery, best plated ware, engravings and oil paintings, Brussels and Indian carpets, Hinks' hanging, wall and standing lamps, Old blue, China wall plates, large old Satsuma jar with cover, Dresden, China and Parian table ornaments and figures, terra-cotta large figure, "La Fearle Rosee" large silver center piece on plateau, etc.

Catalogues are ready and the property is on view.

SALE OF MACHINERY, ENGINE, BOILER AND BUILDING MATERIALS OF THE MAHIM HOSIERY MILL, situated at Lady Jamsetji Road, Mahim.

On SUNDAY, the 15th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction on the Mill premises, by order of the Trustees, the following machinery, etc., viz. :—

1 winding machine of 80 spindles, 1 riptop machine, 1 frame of 12 machines consisting of 4 machines of 6ins. 2 machines of 4ins. 2 machines of 3½ins., 2 machines of 3ins., and 2 machines of 2½ins. 1 frame of 8 machines 7ins. 1 frame of 8 machines consisting of 4 machines of 8½ins., and 4 machines of 3½ins., 1 frame of 12 machines consisting of 6 machines of 5½ins., and 6 machines of 4½ins., 1 stitching machine, 3 welting and 4 stitching machines, 1 vertical engine of 8 horse power, 1 boiler of 60lbs., pressure in working order, 1 steam press for ironing building materials, etc.

The above will be sold in lots to suit purchasers and are on view.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On MONDAY, the 16th instant, at 3 p. m., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, the property of a gentleman consisting of teakwood furniture, English-made Mahogany chairs and tables, platedware, glass and crockery fancy goods, clothes, carpets, lamps, bead screens, pictures, Hongkong chairs and garden plants, etc.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

On MONDAY, the 16th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms a quantity of grey white and colored piece goods and the following :—

The property of a gentleman consisting of glassware, crockery ware, platedware, carpets, cabinets, cots, chairs, tables, cupboards, almirs, easy and light chairs, tables, swords, bayonets, cartridges, etc.

9 dozens cane back sow bentwood chairs.
1 case 36. Cushioned bicycle tyres.

AT 2 P. M.

3 high grade lady's Star Dunlop tyre bicycles.
Several second-hand gent's bicycles.
1 lot wheel rubber-tyre 1/3 feet, 12 inches thick.
1 light rubber-tyred victoria.
1 light vis-a-vis.
1 French-polished office shigram.
And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

On WEDNESDAY, the 18th instant, at 1 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the White House, Merewether Road, Apollo Bunder, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, bwelled mirror, large side board, best platedware, crockery and glassware. Drawing room suit of sofas and chairs, very old china jars and vases, carpet, semi grand pianoforte by Kapp, foot serving machine, musical toys, Millners iron safe on stand, gent's bicyle aviary etc the property of W. PEELE Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property is on view.

Under instructions from the Administrator-General, Messrs CRAWFORD & Co, will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, on MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at 3 p.m. the effects of the late Mr. H. B. Smith, consisting of a D.-B. C.-F. gun by W. W. Greener, in leather case, a D.-B. C.-F. gun by Cogswell and Harrison, in canvas case, a D.-B. C.-F. Rifle, also by Cogswell and Harrison in canvas case, six-chamber revolver, also by Cogswel, and Harrison, in leather case, saddle, binoculars, drawing instruments, surveyor's scales, books, wearing apparel, &c.

The property will be on view three days before the sale.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 13th November, 1903.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & COMPANY, No. 4, FORBES & MEDOWS STREET, FORT.

SALE OF Stock-in-trade of the Partnership business carried on in the name of Khakeebhoy Pudumsey of very Valuable and Rich Chandeliers, Pier-glasses, Furniture, &c.

By order of N. C. Macleod, Esquire, Receiver, appointed by the High Court in Suit No. 834 of 1901, Ahmedbhoy Meherallibhoy vs. Cassumalli Meherallibhoy and others, Messrs. MEHRJEE JOHNSTON & Co. will sell on the premises by Public Auction, in convenient lots on FRIDAY, 20th November, 1903, at 2 p.m., the stock-in-trade consisting of rich chandeliers, pier glasses, fairy lights, table ornaments, chandelier and lamp fittings, plated ware, cutlery, glassware, Chinaware, earthenware, hall carpets lamps, drawing-room sofas, and chairs, bentwood chairs, flagstaffs, shop furniture, &c., lying in the shop at Kalbadevi, No 220.

BONA FIDE SALE.

Sale of valuable and handsome artistic design drawing, dining and bed-room furniture, English bedsteads, large almirahs with mirror doors, hall carpets, door curtains, iron safes by Milner gilt framed pier glasses, six, twelve and eighteen lights hanging chandeliers, eight light gas chandeliers, and two light gas brackets, table ornaments and vases, pictures, copper utensils, glassware, porcelainware, china, coir and cane matting, books &c.

By order of N. C. Macleod, Esquire, Official Assignee, High Court, and in re Hassumbhoy Visram and Hajibhoy Visram insolvents, and Sazulbhoy Visram, an adjudged insolvent, traded together as Visram Ebrahim and Co., Messrs. MEHRJEE JOHNSTON & Co. will, on TUESDAY, the 18th November, 1903, at 1.30 p.m., sell by public Auction in Visram Bang Bungalow, Warden Road facing the Mahaluxmi Battery consisting of teak and blackwood inlaid spring seated sofas, chairs easy chairs and ottomans, chiffoniers with whatnots and mirrors, corner cabinets, almirahs and side boards with mirrors bat and stick stands alabaster ornaments pillars papier machs chairs parian and bronzefigures Frenan polished writing bureau, English bedsteads with wire mattresses, marble topped, circular at wash hand and toilet tables, sliding dining tables, sliding door book cases, hall carpets iron safes by Milner and Austrian, gilt framed pier glasses, six, twelve, and eighteen lights hanging chandeliers, eight light gas chandeliers, and two lights gas brackets hanging incandescent lamps, fairy light, bracket mirror glass ware, dinner and dessert services garden beaches, door cirtains, screens, wall plates, thermometer and barometer combined revolving bookstands, &c,

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view from ?

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED MILL PROPERTY AT FERGUSON ROAD, PAREL, belonging to the Naranj, Mills Co. Limited (in Liquidation).

On MONDAY, the 30th day of November, 1903 at 4 p.m. Messrs, MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co., Auctioneers, will by order of the Liquidator, of the Naranji Mills Co., Ld. (in liquidation), under the supervision of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, put up for sale by Public Auction, in two lots, at the company's mill premises at Fergusn Road, Parel, the immoveable and moveable properties of the above-named company described below in the particulars of sale :—

PARTICULARS OF SALE.

LOT I.

All the estate and interest of the said Naranji Mills Co, Ld, (in liquidation), in

All that piece or parsel of foras land or ground formerly consisting of two pieces of land, situate lying and being at Worlee in the registration sub-district of Bombay and containing by admeasurement thirty-two thousand five hundred and seventy square yards, more or less and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the north partly by the property of Camelio Philip Quiny, partly by the property of Gunpat Manekjee, partly by the property of Antonio Mancel Luis, partly by the property of Atmaram Jadvejee Patel, and partly by the property of Bhawania Sukar Koli on or towards the south partly by the property of Shantaram Narayen partly by the property of Dadajee Halajee and partly by a public passage on or towards the east by the Tulsi water pipe and road and on or towards the west partly by the property of Shantaram Narayen and partly by the property of Moroba Bhiwjee and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under old Nos. 170 180 230 261 298 300 302 304 and 315 and under new Nos. 1209/1 1190 and 1225 and under new Survey Nos. 2 and 3-2817 and 1-2818 and registered in the books of the Municipality of Bombay under Ward G No 2083 and Ward No 2085 Street No 1681 and which said premises are and have for some time past been in the occupation of the said Naranji Mills Co Ld

And also all and singular and mills, engine-houses, boiler houses, warehouses, outhouses, buildings and erections standing and being upon the piece of land described above, together with all and singular the machinery, tools, fixtures, implements, utensils, plant now erected placed or used in or upon the immoveable property above described,

The Mill contains 20,928 spindles,

LOT II.

All the estate and interest of the said Naranji Mills Co., Ld (in liquidation), in

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, with the bungalow and outhouses standing thereon, situate, lying, and being on the north side of Clarke Road, assessed by the Collector of Municipal rates and taxes under ward Nos. 48 (2), 48 (3) and 48 (4), and street Nos. 48 (a), 48 (b) 48 (c) and by the Collector of Land Revenue under No.—, containing by admeasurement two thousand nine hundred and sixty-six square yards or there abouts and bounded as follows that is to say on the south by a strip of land belonging to Government and in the possession of the Collector and beyond it by the Clarke Road, and on the north and east by the land belonging to Haji Suleman Haji Abdul Wahed and on the west by the properties of Rustomjee Dossabhoy Setna Daolatram Ramkrishna Anandrao Ramkrishna and Ganoobai Ramarishna, and which said premises are at present in the occupation of the tenant of the said Naranji Mills Co, Ld,

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs, Craigie, Lynch and Owen Attorneys to the liquidator at their office at Hornby Road Fort or to the Undersigned

MEHERJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, November 13, 1903.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, NOVEMBER 11.

SECURITIES—			
2½ per cent. Consols	£87 11-16	= — 1-4	
3 do. Rentes	£98 1-4	= unchanged	
3½ do. Indian Sterling Loan	£101	= — 1-2	
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£85 7-8	= unchanged	
SILVER—			
Spot in London	26 1-2	= — 1-2	
2 months hence	26 1-8	= — 9-16	
Spot in New York	56 1-2	= — 1 5-8	
EXCHANGES—			
Paris cheques	25·19	= + 1	
Berlin "	20·45 3-4	= + 3-4	
New York Demand	4·88 1-8	= — 3-8	
DISCOUNTS—			
Bank of England	4	pr ct = unchanged	
3 months' sight Bank Bills	4 1-4	pr ct = + 1-8	
6 " " " "	4 1-8	pr ct = unchanged	
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	4 1-2	pr ct = + 1-8	
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	4 5-8	pr ct = unchanged	
INTEREST—			
Day to day loans	3 3-4	pr ct = unchanged	
7 day market loans	3 3-4	pr ct = + 1-8	

Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £325,000.

Metals.—Copper Braziers £68 — £2.
Yellow metal 6s. 1-4d.
Tin Plates 11s. 3d.
Bar iron Belgian £5-0-0.
Iron Corrugated Sheets £10-15-0.
Basic Steel Bars £5-2-0.
Rubber—Para Rubber 3s. 11 1-4d. = — 3-4d.
White Delhi Nov.-Dec. Sellers. 30s. 6d. = — 6d
White Karachi Nov.-Dec. Sellers. 28s. 10 1-2d. = — 1 1-2.
Wheat Red Karachi. Nov.-Dec. Sellers. 28s. 4 1-2d. = — 1 1-2d.

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 37,00,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
13,00,000 do. Bombay.
..... do. Madras.

Rs. 50,00,000, at 1s. 4. 1-16d.
Minimum rate received 30 per cent.
Total amount sold during week, Rs. 50,00,000.
Amount to be allotted next week, 50,00,000.

Extra allotments on Bombay, Rs. 2,00,000, at 1s. 4 3-32d.

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed firm, Surats quiet. Manchester quiet. Total sales 7,000. Spot 6·04 plus 14. Egyptian, Fair Brown 8 9-16 plus 1-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 1,000. Imports 8,000. Arrivals closed firm.

Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
5·90 + 18	5·87 + 17	5·86 + 18	5·86 + 18
Mar.-April.	**April-May.**	**May-June**	**June-July**	**July-Aug.**
5·85 + 17	5·85 + 17	5·85 + 18	5·84 + 17	5·83 + 17

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	65,000
Do. last year	52,000
Exports to Great Britain	21,000
Do do Continent	11,000
Mid-Upland	11·15 unchanged
Futures, month of Dec.	10·89 — 2
Do. March	11·00 + 1

In New Orleans—

Spot	10 13-16 + 3-16
Futures, month of Feb.	10·97 + 3
Do. do. May	11·20 + 4
Tone at close	steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, during the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Wednesday, 10th November, 1903 :—

Cotton	3,274 bales.
Wheat	22,405 cwts.
Linseed	3,438 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard seeds	4,522 "
Gingellyseed	16,446 "
Poppyseed	388 "
Groundnuts	151 "
Castorseed	8,201 "
Rice	2,047 "
Myrabollams	592 "
Cottonseed	11,532 "

BOMBAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

EXCHANGE—Tone firm.

Bank T.T.			Is. 4 1-16d.
Bank Demand			Is. 4 3-32d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight			D. A.Is. 4 5-16d.
Do 6 do	do	do	Is. 4 15-32d.
French Francs 8 do	do	do	171
Marks 3 do	do	do	139
Hongkong 30	Days' Sight		130
Shanghai 30	do	do	179
Japan 30	do	do	150

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. Tone weak.

Cash	...	...	Rs. 98'6
1st Settlement	...	...	" 98'4

Money Market.—Tone quiet.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since	3rd Sept.	4	per cent
Bank of Bombay	do. 20th Aug.	3	do.
Bank of Bengal	do. 23rd Aug.	3	do.
Bank of Madras	do. 23rd July	4	do.

SEEDS— Rs. a. p.

Linseed.—Tone quiet.
Ready 6 1 6

Rapeseed.—Tone steady.
Brown Cawnpore, Ready. 5 8 0 to 5 9
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready, 5 15 0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready.. 5 15 0

Poppyseed.—Tone steady.
Ready 6 6 0

Castorseed—Tone quiet.
Ready ... ... 21 8 0 to 21 12

Gingellyseed.—Tone quiet.
Howree Khandeish ... 24 8 0
15 per cent. Mixed ... 33 8 0
25 per cent. " ... 32 8 0
50 per cent. " ... 31 8 0

WHEAT.—Tone steady. per cwt

Pissi 91 per cent	Rs.	31-8 "
Club No. 1	"	30-12
Hard Red		24-4

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone.—Easier.
Estimated sales ..... 6,000 bales.
Imports ..... 16,000 "

Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb-Mar.
5·81 —9	5·78 —10	5·76 —10	5·76 —10
Mar-Apl.	**Apl-May**	**May-June**	**June-July.**
5·76 —9	5·76 —9	5·75 —10	5·74 —10
		July-Aug. 5·73 —10	

COTTON.—The markets opened irregular, after some excitement during the nights, and has continued so throughout the day, with few sellers. A moderate business has been done for Export at about Rs. 3 to 4 above yesterday's closing quotation?, the enqu'ry running on Damangaum styles, Broach, Khandish and Bengals. After receipts of the Liverpool opener [" Sutta" rates were quoted at Rs. 243 for good Broach, and Rs. 183 for fully good Bengals.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited :—

		Fine	F.-G	Delivery.
Bengal, H.-G. (Ry. terms)	...	199	189	25 Jan.
Bengals, M.-G. (Ry. terms)	...	202	192	"
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	...	202	192	"
Belati, (M.-G.)	...	225	217	"
Khandeish, (M.-G.)	...	...	207	"
Jalgaum do.	...	...	209	"
Akola do.	...	...	226	218 "
Khamagaum do.	...	...		
Karanja do.	...	...		
Damangaum Poolgaum (M.-G.)	..	230	222	"
Nagpur (M.-G.)	...	232	224	"
Oomras good staple	...	234	226	"
Broach (M.-G.)	...	256	243	25 Mar.
Do. do.	...	252		April
Bhownugger (M.-G.)	...	236	226	April May
Do. (H.-G.)	...	234	224	"
Mathia M. G.	...	220		Feb.-Mar

The following is the statement of Silver Balance in the Bombay Mint for the week ending 11th November :—

			Rs.
Value of Silver held on account of tenderers for Dollar coinage on the evening of the 4th November 1903			42,34,000
Value of Government Silver on	do.	do.	35,34,000
		Total	77,68,000
Add—Silver received during the week on account of tenderers for Dollar coinage			6,45,000
Do. do. Government			25,43,000
			31,88,000
			1,09,56,000
Deduct—Dollars transferred to Custom House for export of the value of			.....
Petty items issued for miscellaneous purposes			.....
New Coin paid to the Poper Currency Department			9,00,000
			9,00,000
Balance on evening of the 11th Nov. 1903			1,00,56,000

The Balance comprises—	Rs.
Silver held on account of the tenderers	48,79,000
Do do Government,	51,77,000
	1,00,56,000

There is in addition awaiting Assay—	Rs.
Bullion received for British Dollar coinage	5,90,000
Bullion belonging to Government	27,54,000
	33,44,000

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATH and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender) is Re. 1, for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

GORDON—November 3, at Malakoff, Mussoorie, the wife of the Rev J Drummond Gordon, of a daughter.

GOODFELLOW—November 8, at Nani Tal, the wife of Lieutenant R C Goodfellow, 30th Central India Horse, of a son.

DEATH.

SEALY—November 4, at Motihari, Edmund T Sealy, aged 56 years.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h, 6m. Sun sets, 5h, 23m. High water, 5-46m., 6-27e. Low water, 0-33,a.

P. and O. s. s. Arabia, with English mails of 30th ultimo, due to arrive at noon.

Novelty Theatre, London Comedy Company, 9-30 p.m.

M. N. PETIT'S CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—The total number of patients treated during last month was 5,254, the daily average being 169. The total of new patients was 771.

POSTAL NOTICE.—A mail for Aden, Egypt, and Europe, consisting of letters and packets specially marked for transmission per s. s. Italian D. Balduino will be made up at the Bombay General Post Office for despatch to destination at 1 p.m. to-morrow.

CONVERSAZIONE AT MAZAGAON.—At St. Peter's Boys' School last evening, a successful conversazione was held for the benefit of St. Peter's Library and Reading Room. There was a fairly large gathering of ladies and gentlemen. The hall was tastefully dicorated with flowers and plants in pots. A well-arranged programme of vocal and instrumental music was contributed to by several ladies and gentlemen, among whom were : Mrs. Cooke, Miss Bayley, Miss Carter, Miss Vining, Mr. Toy, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Rhetius, Mr. Cook, Mr. Faulkner, and Mr. DeCosta.

MUSIC AT THE ESPLANADE BANDSTAND.—By kind permission of Captain A. H. D. Creagh and the Officers, the band of the 121st Bombay Pioneers, will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. A. Malandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 5-30 p.m. to-day :—

Cake Walk	Jolly Negroes ... Berger
Overture	Le Domino Noir ... Auber
A Dervish Chorus	In the Soudan ... Sebek
Fantasia (Japanese Ballet)	Yedda ... Metra
Valse	Andalusian Dreams of Love ... Friedemann
Polka	Mein Roschen ... Auger

A DISOBEDIENT SEAMAN.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Thomas Turton, a fireman on board the s.s. Arriatan, was charged by Captain Bradford of the same ship with continued wilful disobedience of lawful commands. It appeared that on the 11th instant the accused was impertinent to the 3rd Engineer lifting a spanner in order to strike him. When the 1st Engineer spoke to him he became very much insolent to him. Besides when asked to go to work the accused refused to do so, saying he had to see the doctor as he was unable to work. The Magistrate convicted him and sentenced him to three weeks' rigorous imprisonment and to pay the costs of the prosecution.

BOYS ROB A CHILD.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Abdul Karim Ismail and Mahomed Abdulla, Mahomedan boys aged 11 and 10 years respectively, were charged with stealing a gold ornament of the value of Rs. 25, the property of Devu, a Hindu woman residing in Duncan Road. It appeared that on Wednesday the daughter of the complainant, aged four years was playing in the verandah of her house when the accused went to her and gave her a pie and a lump of jagri. They then forcibly removed the ornament from the child's wrist and bolted. The girl raised an alarm and the accused were pursued and arrested. Each of the accused was sentenced to receive 8 stripes.

SETH DAMODERDAS TAPIDAS CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—During the last month of October, the number of Hindu patients treated in this Dispensary was 132. They were classified as follows:—

Castes.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Vanias	36	8	6	50
Brahmins	57	4	4	65
Bhattias	9	3	2	14
Other castes	2	1	...	3
Total	104	15	12	132

The average daily attendance was 22·3.

CHEATING BY PERSONATION.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Chand Valad Hoosein, and Lal Hoosein, both Mahomedans were charged with cheating by personation one Rehiman Trambs, in respect of a currency note for Rs. 10. The evidence showed that on the morning of the 9th instant, the complainant gave Rs. 10 in cash to a shopkeeper at Carnac Bunder and received in exchange a currency note for that amount. After he had left the shop the two accused, who had been watching his movements, followed him. They overtook him at the corner of the street and told him that they were policemen and asked him to produce the note, which they suspected was stolen property. The complainant produced the note and gave it to the first accused, who in his turn passed it to the second accused, who made off with it. The complainant arrested the first accused and made him over to the police. The second accused was subsequently arrested and the note recovered. Both the accused were convicted and sentenced to five months' rigorous imprisonment each.

NOTES FROM BHOWNAGAR.—A burglary was committed in the house of one Nathoo Kothari on Saturday last when jewels and cash to the value of Rs. 4,500 were carried away. Another burglary was committed on Sunday night near Dhal Bazar. The thieves walked off with ornaments to the value of Rs. 4,000.—The plague is still raging. The population of the town is now only about 8,000. Business is much paralyzed—The following is the list of daily mortality from 1st to 10th November: 1st 89, 2nd 74, 3rd 80, 4th 79, 5th 74, 6th 63, 7th 74, 8th 79, 9th 74, 10th up to 4 p.m 56, total 772. The weather is not good. The cold season has set in. The thermometer marks 69 at 6 a.m, while at 2 p.m. it registers 91°.—Corpse bearers cannot be found.

Six dead bodies are some time carried into Rhikdi by two coolies, irrespective of caste or religion. The other day two persons left Bhownagar in order to escape the plague. During their journey they were attacked with the disease and were found dead near Vala Road. A couple—husband and wife—were found dead near Ujaivar. On three occasions plague victims have been taken from the trains at Dhola.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A BICYCLE.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Sicunderkhan, of the Criminal Investigation Department, charged Krishnalal Anandlal, an actor in the Bombay Theatrical Company, Grant Road, with the theft of a bicycle valued at Rs. 175, belonging to Mr. R. F. Coombs, Superintendent of the Government Central Press. It appeared from the evidence that the accused stole the machine from the residence of Mr. Coombs, Northcote House, Apollo Bunder, on the 28th October last. He got two persons named Jetha Sunderji and Karim Jamal to sell the machine for him for Rs. 35 to one Hussein Pirmahomed in Falkland Road. The accused was further charged with the theft of another bicycle valued at Rs. 250 belonging to Mr. R. J. Whittle from the verandah of a house in the Esplanade Road. The accused sold this machine for Rs. 25 to Mr. Dadabhoy Hirjibhoy, a ring table-keeper in Falkland Road. Mr. Sicunderkhan applied for a remand on the ground that the accused was believed to have committed other thefts of a similar discription and the police had to make enquiries. His Worship granted the application.—Jetha Sunderji and Karim Jamal were next charged with assisting Krishnalal to dispose of the stolen property. Their case also was postponed.

BOMBAY JEWELLERS SWINDLED.—Mr. Nusserwanji Shapurji, a Jeweller in Churchgate Street, has reported to the police that on Saturday morning a young Hindu, who was fairly well-dressed, came to his shop and after inspecting some jewellery, selected a gold watch-chain valued at Rs. 95. He informed the complainant that he wanted to show the chain to his father, who was employed in the Municipal Offices and asked him to send his servant with him, with the chain. The complainant agreed to do so and asked one of his servants to accompany him with the chain. Subsequently the servant returned and informed his master that the Hindu took him to the first floor of the Municipal Offices and standing at one of the office doors under the pretence that he was his father's office, took the chain and went inside, as he (the servant) believed to show it to his father. The servant after waiting for the Hindu for sometime, became suspicious and on inquiries found that the accused had gone into the office, where any person might have had an access and that he had slipped down by a back stairs.—A similar report has been made to the police by another jeweller named Changanlal Hiralal, who keeps his place of business in Girgaum Road. A young Hindu answering to the description of the accused in the above case seemed to have duped him in a similar manner. The man took away a gold watch-chain of the value of Rs. 77 from the shop on the same day on pretence of showing it to his father in the Municipal Offices. He kept the servant waiting outside the office room of another Municipal department, and left the buildings by the back stairs. In this case the police have, however, succeeded in recovering the gold chain from a Marwadi to whom it had been sold by the accused.

THE WEATHER.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 12TH NOVEMBER 1903.

Hissar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton picking general. Wheat being sown.

Moolton.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Wheat being sown this year. Teelseed cutting commenced.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Crop prospects generally good.

Agra.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. Crop prospects generally good.

Beawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton picking general. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Amroati.—Seasonable. Wheat larger area sown this year.

Khamgaon Dewfall insufficient. Cotton picking general. Food-grains doing well. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Dhulia.—Mornings cold and dewy. Rabi sowings favourably.

Broach.—Bright, fair weather. Easterly wind. Seasonable. Cotton plants flourishing and flowering advancing. Cotton crop prospects generally good.

Viramgam.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants flourishing and in flower.

Wadhwan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Cotton plants flourishing in flower, and showing bolls.

Dholera.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flourishing. Cotton crop excellent.

Bhawnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Cotton plants flourishing and show bolls rapidly ripening.

Barsi.—Bright no sign of rain. Seasonable. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Sholapur.—Continues cloudy with slight drizzle. Food-grains sowing has been completed.

Hubli.—Continues cloudy. Break needed generally Sufficient rain fallen generally. All crops doing well.

Bellary.—Continues cloudy with slight drizzle. Cotton plants flourishing.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON THURSDAY, THE 12TH NOVEMBER.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has risen at the majority of the reporting stations, the rise having been brisk at Bangalore. The barometer is now about a tenth in excess of normal over the country lying to the north of Latitude 20°.

Winds are generally north-easterly or south-easterly in direction and moderate to light in force.

Temperature.—Owing to recent rains the maximum is in large defect of normal in some places in the Madras Presidency and Mysore, on the Malabar Coast and over the Deccan. The minimum is as much as from 5° to 11° in excess at Secunderabad, Bijapur and Ahmednagar, and 6° to 9° in defect at most stations in Central India, the Central Provinces and at Bhavnagar Para, Amednagar and Jaipur. The maximum varied from 91° at Surat and Veraval to 70° at Bangalore

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THE NEW NAVAL TRAINING.

LORD SELBORNE'S scheme for the manufacture of naval officers has not yet been sufficiently long in force to enable competent and impartial critics to say whether or not it is likely to prove successful, or sufficiently long to allow the internal feeling its application engendered to subside. But we see Mr. John Leyland in the "National Review" asserts it is coming to be recognised that the new Admiralty scheme, which sweeps away barriers, enters all young officers together, and up to a point trains them together, is in such complete accord with the march of events that it relieves a state of becoming rapidly insupportable, and that it is but the expression of that momentous revolution which is caused by the motive power of the ship being now internal and no longer external to the ship, while within the ship herself are produced all the mechanical forces necessary for her life and efficiency. It was argued, when the scheme was propounded, that a change was necessary and that it could only be satisfactorily carried out on these particular lines. That a change was called for in order to improve the prospects of the Engineering branch and so induce more Engineers and more efficient Engineers to enter the service, no one sought to deny; but very wide differences of opinion prevailed and still prevail as to whether the attempt to elevate the Engineering branch at the expense of the Executive is wise. Mr. Leyland says it is. But in saying so, he anticipates events by a very long way. We do not find his name in the "Navy List" and we do not discover his claim to speak with authority. The results of the introduction of the new scheme cannot become self-evident for years yet. And when they do, there are many who believe it will be found that although the engineers as a class may have improved, the executive officers have deteriorated and that instead of men of the social status, who now wear the curl, we shall have officers of a distinctly inferior class.

The necessity for adding to the strength of the engineering ranks was no more pressing than that for adding to the executive, some years ago, when the Supplementary List was called into being. The Admiralty apparently did not seek to assert that the demand for more engineers could be met in a similar manner and we do not suppose that even Mr. Leyland, who seeks so earnestly to justify every action the Admiralty is guilty of, will claim that the method of 1895 was by any means a success. His article teaches us nothing, proves nothing, so far as the reorganisation of the commissioned ranks are concerned. It serves but to eulogise Lord Selborne and his scheme which is almost certain to prove disastrous. One section of the article however will furnish sufficient excuse for its writing if it serves but to call the attention of naval officers to the fact that Lord Selborne in his Memorandum, pointed out the heavy responsibility which rests on the Admiralty to see to it that the career of the men should be widened, their opportunities increased and their training as fully adopted to their duties as that of their officers. The principles laid down were that the abolition of the masted training squadron involves the abolition of the old system of training and that the importance of gunnery and the use of machinery of all sorts make the new system essential—a system, which is to be a continuous and methodical specialisation of torpedo-men, seamen-gunners, signalmen and others, though without endeavouring to give every man a specialised training. In short, as Mr. Leyland says, there is to be a large body of specially trained men, who, like the prime seamen of the old navy, will be associated with a larger body of less trained or gifted comrades. There is not a word here that is new. Mr. Leyland has no fresh information to offer us. But we are not satisfied that any great change in the training of the men has been effected. There are cases where it is impossible—failing more liberal grants of ammunition for gunnery and torpedo-practice. The bulk of the men are splendidly trained as far as may be in existing circumstances. But only practice will make marksmen of them, either with the guns or torpedoes. They get practice enough in signalling and many of them—judging from the messages they exchange—appear to enjoy it. Dummy drill on guns and torpedo-tubes can never excite interest, much less keenness.

Mr. Leyland reminds such naval officers, as are likely to forget, that the training of boys and men is to be improved on the same principles as in the case of officers, that useless knowledge is to be eliminated and they are to be taught all those branches of work which the future seaman must know not only ordinary seamanship gunnery and torpedo work, but every man rated A. B. will have to possess an elementary knowledge of the use of tools as a mechanic and of the work of the engine-room and stoke-hole. The engine-room ratings are to be improved and increased advantages to be given to the stokers. The entry of boy artificers to be trained up in the traditions and discipline of the fleet, it is thought will make unnecessary the entry of imperfectly trained artificers from outside. The importation of imperfectly trained artificers was never necessary. If those selected were imperfectly trained so much to the discredit of the engineers who chose them. It would, however, be better to train specially selected men or boys and let them go through a mechanical course, prior to joining the engine-room staff. Mr. Leyland rejoices in the opening of the commissioned ranks to the lower deck, but that opening is practically in name only and if the officering of the navy is to be continued on the basis of the new scheme, no more cruel wrong could be done to those warrant officers than to open the door still wider. With the exception of the death-blow the new system aims at the present executive officers, the new scheme is excellent and if carried out consistently would make for efficiency. The net effect, however, will be that attempts to improve the men will be neutralised by the decline of discipline, the lower standard of intelligence and laxity of supervision which the already assured deterioration of the executive officer must bring with it.

THE HEALTH OF THE CITY.

THE health of the City of Bombay remains very satisfactory. During the past seven days another slight decline occurred in the mortality, the aggregate total of deaths being 508 against 520 a week ago, the decrease thus amounting to 12. But for an unwonted number of deaths from old age and debility—a cause of mortality which one could well afford to ignore, the total number of deaths would have been well under 500. However, as compared with the state of things a year ago, the City's health has improved immensely. The decrease in the number of deaths amounts to 220 or by 33·33 per cent. The decline as compared with the average is practically the same. This improved state of things is due in the first place to a decline in plague, but also to better conditions in respect of all the chief causes of mortality in the city. During the past seven days there was a slight increase in the mortality due to plague, 54 deaths being registered, and the increase during the seven days amounting to nine However, as compared with last year, the decline is no less than 59, and the improvement as compared with the five year's mean amounts to 47. Unfortunately there are evidences that the disease has still a strong hold upon some of the districts of the city. Maudvi again recorded eleven deaths and in Kamathipura there were six. However the tendency towards a rapid increase usually manifested at this time of the year has not been manifested yet. There were 30 deaths from fevers, a very low total and a decline of eleven as compared with the previous seven days. Dysentery also showed an improvement and there was a very satisfactory falling off in respect of diseases of the nervous system. On the other hand, there was a slight increase in the mortality from complaints of the respiratory organs. The death rate amongst the Jains was lower than for a long time past, and the mortality of the city was fairly evenly divided amongst the remainder of the communities. Amongst Europeans, there were four deaths, the death rate of the community being 16·94. The birth rate is still increasing. The total number of births was 440 as compared with 401 last week, 392 in the corresponding period of last year and an average of 285. The past week's birth rate amounted to 29·8.

THE CROPS IN BOMBAY.

COMPLAINTS of damage done by locusts are still general throughout the presidency. The agriculturists of the Konkan and Gujerat are the main sufferers from these pests, but apparently the trouble has abated in Sind, for this week two or three districts do not report damage, and in other places the injury done to the crops is stated to be only slight. Otherwise the crops are generally flourishing throughout the Presidency, and normal operations are proceeding without delay. The locust plague is causing serious anxiety in the Karachi district. The kharif crops and rabi seedlings have been attacked all over that area and to accentuate the trouble rats have attacked the rice crop. Slight damage has also been occasioned in Hyderabad and Thar and Parkar, but fortunately Sukker, Larkhana and the Upper Sind Frontier seem to have been spared the attentions of the pest recently. The operations now proceeding consist of threshing of jowari and bajri, the harvesting of rice, and the sowing of rabi. Cotton picking is also progressing in Hyderabad. Rather serious damage is again recorded as the result of the ravages of locusts in Ahmedabad and Broach. Other parts of Gujerat do not refer to damage of any kind this week, so it may be assumed that for the present, at any rate, the trouble has been tided over. Sowing of wheat and gram is progressing or has been completed. Rice is being harvested generally. Everywhere the crops are in good condition except in the areas where locusts have caused damage. Large quantities of locusts have visited the Konkan. The damage up to the present has been slight in Colaba, but serious in Khandesh. A disease due to excessive moisture has attacked the crops in Thana. The harvesting of the early crops is practically over, and the late crops are still being gathered in. In Khandesh the picking of cotton is now being taken in hand. The crops of the Konkan are flourishing except in some parts of Khandesh where more rain is still required. In the Deccan, conditions are good and the normal operations of the season are proceeding without delay. In other parts of the presidency the crops are flourishing. Everywhere there is an abundance of water and fodder.

SPONGES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE list of exportations from Australia is likely to be augmented in the near future by the development of a new industry, the cultivation of sponges. The existence of many kinds of sponges on the coast of Australia and especially New South Wales has long been a matter of common knowledge, but recently the acquisition of numbers of living specimens of these sponges by the Australian museum has brought to light the fact that the number of varieties of sponges which possess a commercial value, growing along the Australian coast line, is much larger than was supposed. The investigations originated owing to the discovery of quantities of sponges washed ashore during heavy gales. Eight varieties have been found which would serve very well for domestic purposes. One is quite a new species, and it is declared to be quite equal if not superior to many of the kinds already in use. The fact that such sponges exist in such quantities on the new South Wales coast, has led to the consideration of the question as to whether they might not be systematically cultivated, with a view to obtaining a better class of specimens for the market, and also in order to secure easy collection. Of course the idea is not a new one. On the coast of Florida a regular industry of this kind is carried on. Small living cuttings of the better class of sponges are placed in suitable places and it is found that their growth is easily propagated. Anywhere away from the action of heavy seas, strong currents, or too much fresh water, they grow with profit to the cultivator. Under proper conditions it is stated that the cuttings double their size in six months, and that from eighteen to two years is all that is necessary to raise a crop of marketable sponges. The sponges grow faster in a strong current, but it has been found that such a condition spoils their shape. In the natural state they are often found suspended from the roof of a cave or under a stone, and the better quality of sponges are always found in some such position. In view of the satisfactory result of the investigation which have been carried on in New South Wales, it seems probable that before long the cultivation of sponges will be a recognised industry in that colony.

VILLAGE COUNCILS.

THE Viceroy's reply to Mr. Malabari's appeal on behalf of the village communities in India, which we published yesterday, is as encouraging as his Excellency could make it. As to assigning a certain area of free land to each village for joint use, the Government of India have notified their willingness to do this, and have already written to the Bombay Government, and will presumably write to the other Local Governments, to that effect. And they seem to be willing to concede also that a certain portion of the Local Cess paid by every village should be spent on the village itself. This is a great point gained; there is much more in it than meets the eye. As regards the proper agency, Government are of opinion that the Local Boards would be the best, whilst Mr. Malabari would have the money spent by a village Panchayat nominated by the Board under instructions from the collector. The difference is not so radical as to be incapable of adjustment. Experiments in select villages and under sympathetic guidance might help to decide the question finally.

SIR DENZIL IBBETSON left Simla for a tour in Assam yesterday.

THE P. & O. Company's s. s. Mazagon (extra) is due to arrive in Bombay from China at daylight on Sunday next.

AT the meeting of the Bombay Corporation yesterday, Mr. James MacDonald was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy in the office of President of the Corporation. The question of providing accommodation on the Kennedy Sea Face for the poorer classes, displayed by the operations of the Improvement Trust, was discussed and referred to a committee to make a comprehensive report on it at an early date and if considered necessary to draft a representation to the Trust and Government.

IT is proposed to print 500 copies of "The History of the Hyderabad Contingent," now being prepared by Major Burton.

A THIRD edition of "The Failure of Lord Curzon" has been published by Mr. T. Fisher Unwin. The title page will now bear the name of the author, Mr. C. J. O'Donell, the adopted Liberal Candidate for Walworth.

THE "Daily News" has, at considerable cost, arranged to issue Mr John Morley's "Life of Gladstone" on the Instalment System, so as to make it possible for everyone to secure a copy.

THE Viceroy's leg is much better. All apprehensions of an abscess forming are dismissed. The kick from a pony during the Kumaon trip was so severe that muscular pains still cause suffering, but his Excellency pluckily disguises this and moves about without any evidence of pain.

OWING to continued indisposition Lady Curzon will embark on the R. I. M. S. Hardinge before the Viceroy reaches Karachi. After the voyage Lord and Lady Curzon travel together until Ajmere where Lady Curzon will remain until the Alwar and Bhurtpore visits are concluded and then joins at Agra.

SIR JAMES DIGGES LA TOUCHE, as Chancellor of the Allahabad University, delivered the Convocation address on Tuesday afternoon. His Honour traced briefly the work of the University in the past, and indicated the lines upon which that work must be extended and developed in the future, if the University were to fulfil its proper function as the centre and crown of the educational institutions in the Provinces.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending Nov. 10th was 508, giving a death-rate of 34·04 per annum per thousand as against 48·78 the corresponding period of last year, and 46·59 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 30 died from fevers; 54, plague; 0, small-pox; 4, measles; 0, cholera; 2, leprosy; 57, phthisis; 25, diseases of the nervous system; 115, affections of the respiratory organs; 29, diarrhœa; 9, dysentery; 35, still-born; 101, old age and debility; 10, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 25; Brahmin, 21; Lingaet, 2; Bhattia, 4; Hindu of other caste, 253; Hindu low caste, 55; Musalman, 111; Parsee, 14; Jew 4; Native Christian, 14; Eurasian, 0; European, 4; other and unknown caste, 1. The total number of births was 440 as against 392 the corresponding period of last year, and 285 the average over the past five years.

THE "Liverpool Daily Post" has it "from a very high source indeed" that Mr. Balfour will place the name of Mr. John Morley in the New Year Honours, recommending his Majesty to confer upon him a baronetage.

A FRENCH paper gives currency to a rumour that the British Admiralty is negotiating for the purchase of land on Galway Bay, in the west of Ireland, with a view to establish there a new naval base. The bay is of considerable strategical importance, commanding as it does a fine stretch of the Atlantic.

THIS is how Germany does her geological work. The geological chart of the Kingdom of Saxony ordered by the Saxon Government, has just been completed. This chart consists of 123 sheets each of which has cost 30,000 to 40,000 marks (£150 to £200). The whole work has necessitated an expenditure of about four millions of marks or £200,000.

AUBREY BEARDSLEY.

AN ECCENTRIC ARTIST.

AUBREY BEARDSLEY was born on August the twenty-first, 1872. His horoscope was cast, according to one report, revealing a strange conjunction of the Moon, the dominant of the imagination, and Herschel, the planet of eccentricity. At school he was always drawing in his books or on scraps of paper, but aimlessly, as boys will, though we learn that Chinese art had a fascination for him at an early age. The grotesques on some Oriental porcelain gave him his first serious impulse towards art, and his earlier manner has something in it of the delicacy of Japan. This soon yielded to a second manner, that had, at first, distinct traces of Burne-Jones and Rossetti, these merging at last, or subordinating, to a style more distinctive and typical. This, in its turn, made way for a degraded manner, that was often coarse, often repulsive, a reflection of and often a judgment on his own mind, then diseased and weakened. He died in March, 1898, of consumption, shortly after his admission to the Roman Church.

In the two books of reproductions already published by Mr. Lane, and in the finely-written appreciation by Mr. Arthur Symons, there are several pictures and photographs of the artist which help us to understand his peculiar attitude. He was tall, cadaverous, stamped with the sight of early death, with a look in his great eyes at once hungry and pathetic. He was consumptive, and had always the strange greed of the consumptive. He must have known that the thread of his life was to be short, and, with his great talents, that knowledge must have seemed doubly bitter and sardonic, as though a spendthrift should have won wealth and a death warrant in one day. Half of his later art, perhaps more, seems to be a sort of deadly selfmockery, a deliberate and bitter jesting with his talent. He had but a little while to live. He had an intense greed for living, a profound attachment to earth and the arts of earth. And he helped himself to life greedily, as it were with both hands, the sour and the sweet together, not having time to take the mess in due proportion, but with a petulance and disdain which have been misrepresented.

There are few things more pathetic writes, a reviewer, than the thought of that gifted youth, with his subtle brain, so nobly plenished by the gods, and his beautiful hands so ready, so fine at artist's work, doomed from the very first to early commune with the worm. It gave him a strange vision of the graveyard and of unhealthy countries where ghosts went wailing and where the moon rose, not to give light, but to look down upon pools where drowned man lay among weeds. Had he worked more in colour he would have used livid blues and dead greys, all morbid tints and melancholy colours. Working, as he did, by artificial light, with the pen, he brought in, again and again, to the delicacy and the charm, a black mass, it might be of a cloak, it might be of a wood, that was typical of the black threshold he always stood upon. Late in his short life when he was made bitter by the men who failed to understand him, he took to drawing the malignant satires which won him fame as a serious artist. He did but laugh, though bitterly, at being again misunderstood. He was jesting with his art, jesting with life, jesting at the folk who praised him. When called upon, as he himself said, he could do worthy things but until then he could mock and utter sarcasm.

He died, of course, before he had done the worthy things, and he must remain a dubious figure, neither a great satirist, nor a great artist, though with abnormal proclivities in either channel. His line had a fine quality, but the things he did had always some satanic suggestion, some hint of the toad's blood and the dead man's candle. Of the dozen pictures in this book there is but one that yield an emotion purely pictorial. The others are keys to a locked room where empty masks gibber about sin, where little vicious dwarfs are at their vices.

Beardsley was looked upon by his friends less as an artist than as a wise and witty man, gifted with a profound mind and insight. There is no art that he might not have practised with distinction. He was an erudite musician, a subtle critic, a fine scholar, a delicate and dainty writer. To know him thoroughly one must have something of all these arts, for to him their terms were interchangeable and he made now a drawing of a phrase from Chopin, now a drawing of a moment in Wagner. None but a critical scholar of eighteenth century plays could have written the dedication to, "Under the Hill," or drawn those pictures for "The Rape of the Lock". None but a born stylist could have written the witty, accomplished extravagant story which fills nearly half the present volume.

It will be impossible to do more than briefly indicate the tenor of this story, because it is too fanciful, and too incomplete, and too delicate to analyse The "Hill" is that shadowy hill, full of mystery, sad woods, within which, in a bright country underground dwell Helen and Venus and the frail, unearthly beauties that have been memorable here. Thither one evening, in a drowsy twilight, comes a dim fantastic, the Abbe Fanfreluche, the guest of Helen. He strikes a little lute at the shadowy door, and waves a farewell to earth and moonlight. Then passes into corridor leading within the Hill, and sups with Helen, at a terrace table, by the light of candles. He sleeps in a delightful bedroom, wakes in the morning, and reads, "The Rheingold," while propped by silken pillows, before rising. Having bathed, dressed and sipped some chocolate, he wanders into the garden where Helen is. She is just going to feed her white unicorn, Adolphe, and carries "a little reticule of buns" upon her arm. At this point the extravagant story abruptly closes. The clever author died before he had so much as sent his immortals to their breakfast. But even in this short inception he had shown his hand. The witty, brilliant style, allowing for the immaturities and over-colouring, makes the fragment "fine letters," a specimen of precious prose.

The whole story, so dim and delicate, with so much poisonous and riant beauty, is too ingenious a dainty thing to treat sourly or with scorn. It is exquisitely exotic, and even in the maddest of its imaginings one notices a severe, controlling taste. Fanfreluche is so fragile a person that even the intrusion of a rose-petal upon his sleeve appears "something deliciously" incongruous. "In the silken privacy of Helen's boudoir there were "buttons so beautiful that the buttonholes might have no pleasure till they closed upon them." Many may scorn Beardsley as a draughtsman, but none can deny that he had a literary style of a strange excellence, a gift for prose at once distinguished and rare.

Of the three poems in this book, one is witty, if bordering faintly upon the improper. Another is a pathetic tribute to Catullus. The third is a delicate extravagant ballad of a barber, a creature of the Court, who loved a princess, and was hanged for breaking her eau-de-cologne bottle. It is merry, and frail, and fanciful:

The Princess was a pretty child,
Thirteen years old or thereabout.
She was as joyous and as wild.
As spring flowers when the sun is out.

This ballad is accompanied with a charming drawing, with which we are in complete sympathy.

As a peroration we are given a few analects from Beardsley's Table Talk. They are witty, and once or twice profoundly critical. With these are two letters, and a fragment of haunting, beautiful prose called "The Woods of Auffray.

The book is handsome, and certainly fulfils a need. We dislike Mr. Lane's introduction. His remarks anent the Royal Academy are amusing and they would have annoyed Beardsley had he lived to read them.

THE effect of M. Santos Dumont's visit to Brazil is thus described by a Rio de Janeiro paper:—"Half the shops, a street or two, and all the babies born for the last week or so have been named after the hero of the hour, and now the Deputies want to change the name of the Instituto Professionale Masculino to Institute Santos Dumont, and the "Gazeta" proposes that the country itself shall be rebaptised as the "United States of Santos Dumont."

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ENGLAND AND ITALY.

Italian Royalties' Visit to London.

ELABORATE PREPARATIONS.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 12.

It is officially announced that the King and Queen of Italy will arrive at Portsmouth on the 17th instant on board the Victoria and Albert and will be escorted from Cherbourg by a British Squadron and welcomed at Portsmouth by the home fleet. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales will receive their Majesties who will proceed in a special train to Windsor.

They will visit London on the 19th and lunch at Guildhall.

Their Majesties return to Cherbourg on the 21st instant.

Queen Margherita of Italy will spend the winter in Egypt owing to her health.

MACEDONIAN REFORMS.

The Austro-Russian Scheme.

ACCEPTANCE INSISTED UPON.

ATROCITIES IN ADRIANOPLE.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 11.

Telegrams from Constantinople, received by an indirect route and avoiding all censorship, show that the Austro-Russian reply insists on the acceptance of their proposals by the Porte.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 12.

Seven hundred and eighty men of the Prizrend battalion have been tried at Salonika for atrocities committed in the Vilayet of Adrianople.

Seventy-five were acquitted and the remainder banished to Yeman.

THE PREMIER'S SPEECH.

Reception on the Continent.

CORDIAL COMMENTS.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 11.

Mr. Balfour's Guildhall speech has created a most favourable impression on the Continent.

His endorsement of the Reform scheme, pacific remarks regarding the Far East, and his advocacy of arbitration alike evoking most cordial comments.

THE FAR EAST CRISIS.

Russian Viceroy's Movements.

VISIT TO ST. PETERSBURG

A RUSSO-JAPANESE CONFERENCE.

Reuter (Tientsin) states that Admiral Alexeieff starts for St. Petersburg on the 18th instant.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 12.

A "Daily Telegraph" despatch from Tokio states that another interview took place yesterday between Baron Komura, the Foreign Minister, and Baron Rosen, the Russian Ambassador.

THE KAISER'S OPERATION.

His Majesty's Condition.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 11.

The Kaiser's condition continues to be favourable and the wound is healing.

LORD CURZON'S HOLIDAY.

Mr. Choate, the American Ambassador, who is occupying Lord Curzon's London residence, removes shortly to make room for Lord Curzon.

BRITISH CONSULS IN PERSIA.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 12.

Captain Winter has been appointed British Consul at Turbat Haidari in Persia and Colonel Minchin has been appointed Consul-General at Meshed.

THE SLEEPING SICKNESS.

A Year's Mortality.

The first report of the Congo Expedition from the Liverpool School of tropical medicine mentions that 4,000 deaths occurred from sleeping sickness last year in the district of Watken alone.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

English Team's First Match.

THE GAME DRAWN.

The South Australians made 343 runs for 7 wickets and the match ended in a draw.

HEAVY FLOODS ON THE MADRAS LINE.

TRAFFIC AT A STANDSTILL.

MAILS AND PASSENGERS DELAYED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, NOVEMBER 12.

Heavy rain still continues and the floods throughout the presidency are worse than those known since 1874. The traffic is practically at a standstill on some lines with no prospect of being resumed for several days. The only mails that arrived at Madras this morning were from Calicut and Ootacamund on the South Indian Railway. The line was breached near Villupuram, detaining the mail train from Tuticorin. The crossing has since been effected on the South-West line of the Madras Railway. The Bangalore branch was breached in two places owing to the Polar River overflowing at Mailputy. All the traffic between Bowringpet and Bangalore was stopped. On the North-East line numerous breaches have occurred between Bitragunta and Ongole, rendering the traffic impossible over a distance of 60 miles. The reports from this district state that rain continues and heavy flood are pouring through all the breaches of the North-West line. A telegram from the District Engineer states that he has completed the temporary road across the breach near Rajampet, and hopes that carriages and the foreign mail train may cross this evening. A fresh engine is being kept in readiness on the other side of the Cheyur River. The heavy flood is causing gravest anxiety.

Rajah Sir Ramusawmy Moodelliar generously contributed Rs. 1,000, and gave 1,000 pieces of cloths as relief to the sufferers of the recent flood of the Cuddapah town,

BANGALORE, NOVEMBER 12.

The Bangalore and Poona line of the Southern Mahratta Railway is now interrupted between the Stations of Dodbele and Golhalli, and within 16 miles of Bangalore two waggons of a goods train have been derailed, a permanent way subsided, and the mails delayed. The rain all along the Madras and the Southern Mahratta Railways is reported to be phenominally heavy. A second relief train left Bangalore this morning to the scene of the breach which was reported at Malur, on the Madras Railway yesterday, and brought in mails and passengers this afternoon which were due at 6 yesterday morning. The trains are still suspended this side of Jallarpett and larger breaches are reported in Madras side of that junction.

LATER.

Considerable apprehension prevails here to-night that Hesserghatta Reservoir, which supplies the city and station systems, may burst its bund if heavy rain cotinues much longer. It is situated about fifteen miles to the north-west of Bangalore and has since yesterday been discharging 5 feet 6 inches over the waste weir as against a record of 3 feet. Should the bund burst, it means that the Southern Maharatta line, few miles below it, may be swept clean, to say nothing of the two pumping stations and many villages. Already a bridge leading to the valve tower near the bund has been carried away and the water cannot be shut off from the lake. The bund is 32 feet high, and the lake, which has a circumference of 17 miles, contains 900 million cubic feet of water. Captain Traill, Acting Chief Engineer, Mysore, has gone out to the headworks urgently to-night, and as there is apparent break in the rains at the time of wiring, best is hoped for.

MR. BOURDILLON.

A VISIT TO THE MAHARAJAH.

Mr. Bourdillon and Mr. Moss King left for Mysore last night on a visit to the Maharajah. They will return to-morrow morning.

NEW SHERIFF OF MADRAS.

MADRAS, NOVEMBER 12.

Hajee Mahomed Abdul Hadi Badsha Saheb, of Messrs. Badsha Saheb and Company, a leading firm of Mahomedan merchants in the City, a Municipal Commissioner and member of the Madras Harbour Trust, has been appointed Sheriff of Madras, in succession to Mr. H. K. Beauchamp.

FALSE COINERS IN POONA.

A SENSATIONAL ARREST BY THE POLICE.

POONA, NOVEMBER 12.

The City Police made a sensational arrest of a gang of false coiners last night. It appears that one Rungunath, a menial employeyd in a photozinco office and who keeps a vegetable stall in the Connaught Market Cantonment, went to the circus which is now playing in the city, and endeavoured to make a grand show by taking a 1st class seat and by regaling himself and a number of his friends with all sorts of refreshments and spirits. While thus enjoying the refreshment seller found reason to suspect the rupee given to him and he quietly informed the police who forthwith arrested Rungunath at the circus. He made a clean breast saying that there were others implicated with him and took the police to the secluded nook in Bhowani Peth where they were caught red-handed. Some men were engaged in turning out bad rupees, the apparatus and implements being quite complete. The Police have searched Rungunath's house in the Cantonment and 140 bad rupees were found there. The police are making thorough investigation into the matter and all implicated will be placed on trial in due course.

THE DISTRICT JUDGE OF POONA.

Mr. L. Crump, Acting Judge, Satara, has been appointed to act in place of Mr. Lucas, District Judge, Poona, during the latter's absence on leave. Mr. Crump will not relieve Mr. Lucas till he is himself relieved by Mr. Withworth, who is on leave in England and expected to arrive in Bombay on the 20th instant.

SIR ANDREW FRASER.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, NOVEMBER 12.

Addresses of welcome were presented to Sir Andrew Fraser this morning by the Mahomedan Literary Society and the Calcutta University Students' Institute.

REGATTA AT KIRKEE.

POONA, NOVEMBER 12.

A scratch regatta was held this afternoon at Rosherville, Kirkee. The entries were rather poor and the attendance was fair. The river was smooth and the rowing was excellent. The following are the results :—First event—pair jars (lady cox) quarter mile, Messrs. Roache and Reymond Mrs. Eaton and Evans (cox) first; Messrs. Marriott, Gwynne, Griffith Mrs. Gwynne Griffith (cox) second; Messrs. Williams and Standbridge, Miss Johnstone (cox) third. The former soon established a lead and won by 1 1-2 length.

Second event, single sculls, quarter mile—Captain Delap first, Reymond second, and Captain Dorgan third. Also competed : Messrs. Williams and Cowell. Won by quarter of a length, one length betweeen second and third.

Third event, Ladies Nomination Canoe Race—First heat, Mr. Kendall first. Also competed : Captains Griffith, Crawford, and Dorgan. Second heat, Captain Delap first and Captain Laing second. There was no final heat.

Fourth event single scull (lady cox), Mr. Cattell and Miss Kidd (cox) first. Four others competed. Won by half a length.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

SIMLA, NOVEMBER 12.

Lieutenant G. J. Jackson, Army Veterinary Department, being physically unfit to return to India has been transferred temporarily to the Home Establishment.

The following postings of R.A. Officers have been ordered :—Lieutenant-Colonel Eardley Wilmot to the 10th Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery ; Lieutenant-Colonel Western to No. 44 Brigade, R. F. A.; Lieutenant Powell to No. 117 Battery, R. H. A.; Lieutenant Mayne, to No. 45 Company and Lieutenant Somerville to No. 66 Company RGA.

Colonel Gubbins is appointed P. M. O. Bombay Command, vice Surgeon-General Price retired. Colonel Leak, R. A. M. C. is appointed, P. M. O. Bombay and Nagpur District. Captain E. S. Gale 1st Battalion 2nd Gurka Rifles, has been selected for employment as Assistant Commandant, Lushai Hills Military Police. Major Vawdrey, Army Service Corps has embarked for India for duty with the Supply and Transport Corps.

The following units are warned to be in readiness for move to Sikkhim : 2 guns of No 7 Mountain Battery, Jutogh; 8th Gurkhas, Shillong; No 3 Company, 1st Sappers, Roorkee ; 2 Maxim guns and a detachment of 15 men from the British battalion to be detailed by L. G. C. Bengal, 2 seven-pounder R M L guns from Shillong, 2 seven-pounder guns will be accompanied by one Sergeant-Instructor and usual gun detachments of the 8th Gurkhas and gun porters, and will be commanded by Mountain Artillery Officer to be detailed by army headquarters. The families of public followers may be granted free passages to their homes in India

The following movements in relief will be carried out on relief scale without families :—2nd Rajputs Light Infantry, Barrackpur to Alipur, 16th Rajputs, Alipur to Shillong; two Companies of 10th Jats at Guntor will return to their Battalion Head-quarters without relief orders, issued for supply of numdahs for roofs and floor tents of the Tibet mission.

ARRIVALS : NOVEMBER 11.—Forbes, Lt., Bo., 105 Maharatas, on language leave from Bhuj.

Morris, Lt. Bo., 105 Maharatas from leave from England.

Eddis, Lt., Bo., R. F. A., proceeding home from Deesa.

Briggs, Lt.-Col., Bo., I. M. S, on leave from Deesa.

Hay, Lt., Bo., 31st Lancers, on leave from Deesa.

Browne, Lt.-Col., Punj., on H. P., proceeding home from Rawalpindi.

Hagger, Lt., Bo., I. M. S., on leave from Jacobabad.

Morris, Major, Bo.. R. A. M. C., proceeding home from Mhow,

Smithers, Lt., Beng., 17th Inft., on leave from Agra.

Macdonald, Lt., Beng., R G. A., on leave from Allahabad.

Humphrey, Lt.,-Col., Beng,, Gloster Regt., on retirement.

Donovan, Capt., Ms. R. A. on duty from Madras.

Fowler, Major, Ms. A. V. D., on duty from Ootacamand.

Clements, Capt, Ms. R. A. M. C., on duty from Cannanore.

Mercer, Capt., Punj. S. and T, Corps proceeding home from Dalhousie.

Hay, Lt., Punj. Q. O., Corps of Guides proceeding home from Madras.

DEPARTURES : NOVEMBER 10.—Hale, Major, Bo., R. A. M. C, on duty to Poona.

Alexander, Capt., Bo., 33rd Cavalry on leave to Poona.

Smith, Lt., Beng., R. Fus. on duty to Calcutta.

THE THIBET MISSION.

THE troops on and beyond the Sikkim border will need to be well equipped with warm clothing, for the cold in those lattitudes is terribly severe. Already at Khamba Jong some 20° of frost have been registered and the winter has only just begun. In the expedition of 1888 the Field Force found snow lying deep on the slopes leading to Lingtu in the month of March, and the small garrison of Gnatong had afterwards very trying experiences in the dreary winter season. The tableland of Thibet is covered with snow for several months, and life under canvas is almost impossible during that period The greatest precautions will have to be taken when the British Commissioner and his escort move forward, otherwise the mortality from pneumonia among the native soldiers will surpass our worst experiences in Afghanistan and on the North-West Frontier. The spring is the proper time for operations in the Eastern Himalayas and nothing but some extreme urgency in the position in Thibet can justify the risks that must attend an advance at this season says the "Pioneer."

DR. DOWIE, in addressing five thousand people at New York is said to have thoroughly exasperated, his audience by his vituperation against Clergymen Reporters, Freemasons, and Tobacco-smokers. The concatenation is certainly curious. It reminds us of the famous Phil May picture says the "Westminister", of the Salvation Lass and the Reporter, who had shown great interest in the speeches. "Are you saved?" says the girl. "I'm a reporter," is the reply. "Oh, I beg your pardon!"

THE Duke of Cumberland will celebrate his silver wedding on the 21st of December at Gmunden. A thousand persons have signified their intention to take part in the pilgrimage which the Guelph-Hanoverian party have arranged for the occasion. The Duke has had to inform the organisers that the town of Gmunden is not suited for that sort of pilgrimage and that he, personally does not approve of these monster congratulatory assemblies.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Mr. A. R. Bonus, I. C. S., on return to duty, becomes Political Agent, Janjira.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. P. Kennedy, Agent to the Governor, Kathiawar, was permitted to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. E. H. Waterfield, I. C. S., acts as Political Agent, Akalkot, during the absence, on privilege leave, of Mr. A. F. Maconochie, I. C. S., or pending further orders.

Captain F. De B. Hancock, Assistant Political Agent, Second Grade, has been allowed one week's furlough in continuation of the combined privilege leave and furlough granted to him.

Mr. J. E. C. Jukes, I.C.S., Assistant Collector in the district of Ahmedabad, is appointed a Magistrate of the Second Class in that district.

Mr. J. T. Scotson, I C.S., Assistant Collector in the district of Kaira, is appointed to be a Magistrate of the Second Class in that district.

Mr. G. N. R. Lambert, substantive pro tem. Third Grade Assistant Superintendent of Police, Khandesh, and Mr. I. C. Boyd, Probationary Third Grade Assistant Superintendent of Police, Khandesh, passed on the 18th September, an examination in Law.

Mr. P. A. Kelly, Probationary Third Grade Assistant Superintendent of Police, Nasik, passed on the 19th September, an examination in Marathi.

Mr. A. D. Brown, I. C. S., Acting Collector and District Magistrate, Surat, is appointed a Justice of the Peace within and for the territories subject to the Government of Bombay other than the Presidency Town of Bombay.

Mr. J. C Ker, I. C. S., Assistant Collector in the district of Ahmednagar, is appointed a Magistrate of the Second Class in that district.

Major J. B. Jameson, M. B., I. M. S. Superintendent of Mahabaleshvar in the district of Satara, is appointed a Magistrate of the Second Class in that district.

Mr. A. Lucas, I.C.S., Judge and Sessions Judge, Poona, and Agent for Sardars in the Deccan, is granted leave on medical certificate for one month from the date he availed himself of it.

Mr. L. C. Crump, I. C. S., Acting Judge and Sessions Judge, Satara, holds charge of the office of of Judge and Sessions Judge, Poona, and Agent for Sardars in the Deccan in addition to his own duties, vice Mr. A. Lucas, I. C. S., pending relief at Satara by Mr. G. C. Whitworth, I. C. S. Mr. Crump, on relief at Satara acts as Judge and Sessions Judge, Poona, and Agent for Sardars in the Deccan pending relief by Mr. Lucas ; and on relief at Poona, acts as Judge and Sessions Judge, Sukkur-Larkhana.

Captain A. Hewlett, Superintendent, Army Remount Department, Deccan Circle, Ahmednagar, becomes Special Assistant Collector in the Poona and Ahmednagar Districts for horse-breeding purposes.

Mr. A. F. Maconochie, I. C. S., Collector of Sholapur, is allowed privilege leave for twenty-three days from 1st November.

Mr. E. H. Waterfield, I. C. S., acts as Collector of Sholapur, during the absence on privilege leave of Mr. A. F. Maconochie, I. C. S, or pending further orders.

Mr. F. G. Hutchinson acts as Fourth Class Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue vice Mr. A. Regnaud reverting.

Mr. S M Edwardes, I C S, has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

The Reverend A. Gyr, S. J., becomes a momber of the Bombay Christian Burial Board in place of the Reverend H. Perrig.

Mr. J Wallace, C.E., becomes a Member of the Board of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, vice Mr. H V. R. Kemball, resigned.

The Reverend Alan Cant resigns his appointment Honorary Chaplain of the Sind Vol. Rifle Corps.

Mr. R. R. Menneer, Assoc. M.Inst. C.E., becomes Assessor of the Tribunal of Appeal, vice Mr. R. W. Murphy, with effect from the 18th November.

Mr. H. O. Quin, I.C.S., Secretary to Government General Educational, Marine, Ecclesiastical and Plague Departments, is granted privilege leave of absence for three months, in combination with furlough for twenty-one months, with effect from the 5th December.

The services of Captain E F. G. Tucker. I.M.S., are replaced at the disposal of the Government of India with effect from the date of relief.

Honorary Lieutenant James Walker, Assistant Commissary, Public Works Department, Bombay, is permitted to retire from the service.

Mr. H. G. Palliser, M. Inst. C.E., Chief Engineer, 2nd Class, is permitted to retire from the service.

Mr. R. M. MacFarlaine, L C. E. reverts from Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, permanent, and Executive Engineer, 3rd Grade temporary to Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, permanent.

Mr. J. K. Williams is promoted from Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, permanent to Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, permanent, and Executive Engineer, 3rd Grade, temporary.

THE LONDON COMEDY COMPANY.

"A BRACE OF PARTRIDGES."

ANOTHER admirable performance was given last evening at the Novelty Theatre by the London Comedy Company, "A Brace of Partridges," the piece which was produced last week being repeated. There was again a good house, and the entertainment was of a character which appealed strongly to the company present, Laughter and applause were continuous throughout the evening. All the members of the company performed well, and taken as a whole the piece seemed to hang together better and in a general way to hang together better than when it was produced last week. The repetition of the play, as already announced, was rendered necessary by the indisposition of Mr. F. Clive. To-night and to-morrow the farcical comedy "In the Soup" will be presented and another treat may confidently be looked for.

PASSENGERS PER S.S. TRIESTE.

THE following is the list of passengers by Austrian Lloyd's ss. Trieste, Captain E. Mecozzi, which is due to arrive in Bombay on Saturday about 12 noon :—Miss Balthazar, Mrs. Coleman, General, Mrs. and Miss Craigie, Major Dann, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Miss Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Lang and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Lehnhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Maconochi, Mrs. Maller, Major and Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Monro, nurse child and infant, Mr. and Mrs. Ostermayer and 2 children, Mrs. Pillinger, Miss Pomeray and maid, Major Roberts Mrs. Roberts nurse and infant, Miss Richter, Captain and Mrs. Ridgway, Mr. Stromayer, Miss Lyrell, Mr. and Mrs. Yost.

THERE is related in the "King" an amusing instance of Indian ignorance of Western usages. A native servant carrying champagne, which natives call "simkin' approached a lady guest, who was rather deaf with the question :—"Simkin, mem-sahib"? As the lady did not hear the question, he repeated it in a little louder tone, and she raised her ear-trumpet to her ear in order to catch what was being asked her. Whether he thought it was a new sort of drinking vessel we do not know but, anyhow, he promptly filled the trumpet with champagne.

A NOTICABLE point in connection with the charitable donations and endowments made by private individuals in Bengal is that by far the larger number are for the building or endowment of Hospitals or Dispensaries and the making of tanks. Such of the benefactions from Indian gentlemen as are not devoted to the healing of disease and the provision of water go to such objects as the making of an open space, the building of a burning-ghaut, a place of worship, or a pilgrim's rest-house. All are valuable, says the "Statesman," and they are evidence of a wholesome desire on the part of benevolent Indians to add to the physical well-being of their fellows as well as of the estimation in which European medicine and surgery is held. Nevertheless, it is in some degree significant that the place accorded to public education in these benefactions should be so small. Out of the large number recorded in the list for last year two only are connected with education.

DEPARTURE OF THE TRANSPORT ASSAYE.

The hired transport Assaye, Captain E. R. Dowell, will sail to-day for Southampton, with details consisting of 42 officers, 15 ladies, and 10 children, 219 men (invalid) 7, women, 16 children ; 1048 men (in health) 3 women and 6 children : In all 1267 non-commissioned officers and men, 42 women, and 76 children. The above were brought to Bombay from Deolali in two extra trains for embarkation. The following are the names of the officers :—

Lieut Col and Mrs H Gore-Browne, K R R Corps	Lieut and Rdg Mr T W Kirkebride, R H A
Lieut Col and Mrs P Mulvany, R A M C	Lieut L N Jones-Bateman Norrfolk Regt
Lieut Col W Dugdale R A M C	Lieut C J B Hay, Indian Army
Lieut Col A W G L Cole, R W Fusiliers	Lieut WP Crookshank, Indian Army
Major and Mrs A E Morris, R A M C	Lieut A G Shea Indian Army
Major L T M Nash, R A M C	Lieut H A Lewis, R G A
Major A R Reade, Welsh Regt	Lieut L F G S Wylde, Indian Army
Major W J Goold, West Riding Regt	Lieut A D McDonald, R G A
Major R J Windle, R A M C	Lieut Hughes, Northampton Regt
Major and Mrs G C O Fowler and 3 children, A V Dept	Lieut H Grace, Durham L I
Capt C M Degcnyther, Suffolk Regt	Lieut G C I Robertson, I M S
Capt C S Cowie, R Scots	2nd Lieut Wilberforce, East York Regt
Capt F L Vincent, Indian Army	2nd Lieut L A Eddis, R F A
Capt C A G Showbridge, Indian Army	2nd Lieut W R M Hartcup, Durham L I
Capt E W Biles R A M C	2nd Lieut S Ussher, East Lance Regt
Capt G B Riddick, R A M C	2nd Lieut C Alexander, Durham L I
Capt and Mrs M Swaoberg and child, R A M C	Comdr Black, R I Marine
Capt R W Clements, R A M C	Widow of Capt Campbell and soo, Indian Army
Capt and Mrs C C Danovan, R A	Widow of Major Keatley, R A M C
Capt W G Cooper, Indian Army	Widow of Mr Palmer and daughter, Exmr Marine accounts
Capt and Mrs S Minchin	Widow of Capt Sutherland and daughter, Indian Army
Mercer, S and T Corps	Wife of Capt J Grathan and infant, Indian Army
Capt A W Chitty, Indian Army	Wife of Captain Bartram and daughter, West York
Capt Brown, East York Regt	Sister of Lieut Grant and daughter, Indian Army
Capt R R Hill, R G A	
Capt Monreal, Wiltshire Regt	

ARRIVAL OF THE TRANSPORT ITOLA.

THE transport Itola, 3,361 tons, Captain J. W. Robertson, arrived in harbour on the 11th instant, from Durban, which port she left on the 22nd October. She brought the following passengers :—Major Henning, Veterinary Lieutenant W. A. Jelbarte, Conductor H. Graveson, one Hospital Assistant, 90 public and 3 private followers, 768 mules and 7 horses. The above were landed at the Prince's Dock and attached to the detail Lines, pending disposal.

KILLED BY A STEAM ROLLER.

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY.

DRIVER CHARGED WITH NEGLIGENCE.

Mr. F. K. Dobbin, the Coroner of Calcutta, with a Jury, held an inquest on Monday afternoon relative to the death of a Cabuli, a recent arrival in Calcutta, who was run over by a Municipal steam road-roller on the 30th ultimo in Harrison Road and died on the spot.

Major Walsh, I.M.S., the Police Surgeon, who held the post mortem examination of the body of the deceased, said that the body, which measured nearly 6 feet in length, was crushed by something very heavy falling or passing over it. A steam-roller could have caused the injuries in question which resulted in the instantaneous death of the deceased.

The brother of the deceased stated that they both had recently arrived in Calcutta direct from Dehra Ismail Khan. This was their second visit to Calcutta. He identified the body of the deceased on the day of the occurrence. The deceased was not deaf.

A local shopkeeper, who had witnessed the accident, stated that the deceased was facing east and looking upwards. The steam-roller was first stationary and was about 5 or 6 feet distant from the deceased. When the roller was set in motion, witness was under the impression that the deceased would move away, but he was soon after pushed by the roller which came up. One of the legs of the deceased got under the roller. An alarm was then raised but it was unheeded by the engine-driver. (Witness here identified Francis Fermie, the driver.) The driver was asked to stop the roller, as a man was being crushed. Witness raised an alarm after the deceased had fallen on the road. The road, at that place was under repairs, and the motion of the roller was attended with great noise. The deceased could have heard the noise of the engine roller unless he were deaf. Previous to the accident the steam-roller was at work on that portion of the road. The engine-driver paid no attention to the warning. The deceased was then run over by the front roller of the engine. The roller afterwards passed over the whole of his body, commencing from the feet, and stopped finally on the head of the deceased with his face on the ground. The driver afterwards backed the roller. The deceased lay quite dead. There were two men on the engine, viz., the driver and a cooly-looking man. The driver could have seen the deceased from his place on the engine.

Major Walsh here pointed out that the legs of the deceased were not injured. The deceased appeared to have been run over, as his liver was smashed. He must have been run over in a slanting direction commencing from the region of the liver, below which there were no injuries.

Francis Fermie, engine-driver, in the employ of the Calcutta Corporation, examined, said that he was a driver on the steam-roller for about five years. On the day of the occurrence he had worked the steam-roller in Harrison Road from 6 in the morning. At about 7-30 a. m., he stopped the roller to put coal in the engine, and again set the roller in motion. After going about two feet, when he heard a shout that a man had got under he stopped the roller. The roller stopped after taking about a couple of revolutions. The engine was then surrounded by people. He was afraid to get out of the engine. He always stood in front of the engine while at work. On this occasion he did look ahead, but he could not see any one in the way. He stood according to orders near the lever of the engine. He took the same precaution on this occasion as he used to do on previous occasions, and saw that the road was clear. His setam-roller was not provided with a bell or a whistle. There was no brake to stop the roller immediately. His position in the engine was right in front of the smokestem (chimney). He could see about 100 feet ahead of him.

Mr. Paul Le Patourel, District Engineer of the Calcutta Corporation, examined, said that the road where the accident occurred was covered over with rough stone metal. The road in question was advertised previously to be closed for repairs, and barriers had been placed to keep out trespassers. The drivers of rollers are under orders to keep a general lookout. The roller is about 5 feet in diameter. Over this there is an iron cross-head, and over the latter stands the chimney. There is nothing in the construction of the engine to prevent the driver from seeing a head of him. It is possible for the driver not to see anyone, who may be situated in a line with the chimney of the engine. A careful driver would look from the side of the chimney to see if the road was clear. The driver of the engine in question if he wanted to adopt extra precaution on this occasion, could have seen if any one was ahead of him. A man of the small size of the driver would have found some little difficulty in discerning an object ahead of the engine, unless the driver was provided with some box like arrangement over which he could stand and see ahead of him clearly.

The Coroner, in summing up the evidence to the Jury, observed that it was a unique case of accident and was the first of the kind he had heard of in Calcutta.

The Jury at first were divided in their verdict by 4 to 3, but on the request of the Coroner they retired, and after five minutes deliberation, returned the following unanimous verdict : "Death of the deceased, Goldad Khan, was caused by injuries received by being run over by a steam-roller driven by one Francis Fermier under such circumstances that the act amounted to a rash and negligent act.

The accused, Francis Fermie, was then released on bail.

"TRUTH" make the suggestion that a plan might be adopted by which the sex of a writer of a letter and also whether she be a Mrs. or a Miss, might be made clear to her correspondents. "Let there be a general understanding that a married lady puts *m* at the end of her signature, and that an unmarried lady puts *s*. Then the person receiving the letter would know how to address his correspondent."

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

BRIDAL FASHIONS.

SOME AUTUMN INNOVATIONS.

WOMEN AND ARBITRATION.

LONDON OCTOBER 22.

BRIDAL fashions are changing. The fashionable wedding gown of the past was invariably made of white satin, and its design was severely plain. To-day the bride considers her own individuality in selecting her bridal robe. In place of satin or heavy-corded white silk the wedding dresses are being fashioned this year of white silk mull, lace, chiffon, or voile ; and they show gatherings, lace insets, and much trimming generally. Flower-shaped lace insets form a dainty trimming for the beautiful chiffon robes, made over white silk, which are scattered with full-blown lace roses, graceful sprays of lilac, or artistic-looking lace orchids. Sometimes the lace flower has the effect of being caught to the filmy material by a bow-knot of lace, which is also introduced as an inset, and, like the flower, has the fabric cut away beneath. The embroidered wedding robe is also a new fashion this season. In white silk mull it is exquisite, with an embroidered muslin design of white silk orange blossoms, daisies, or sprays of dainty forget-me-nots. A handsome gown of white mousseline-de-soie over white silk, worn at a recent wedding, was elaborately embroidered with white violets. Little bunches of white violets were also used to hold in place the folds of the tulle veil at either side of the head. The bridal bouquet was a huge bunch of white violets, with many ribbons arranged in loops and ends, the ends knotted to represent violets. Even a pretty girl may look anything but pretty on her wedding day if her veil is unbecomingly arranged. Unless there is a wedding veil in the family regarded as an heirloom, the tulle veil is preferred to the heavier veil of lace. The tulle adds the foamy touch to the costume much to be desired. The veil must be long, the square veil being preferred to the round. It may be finished merely with a deep hem or edged with a narrow appliqué of some very fine lace like rose point or duchesse.

In arranging the veil at the head the extreme flat effect should be avoided. The tulle may be pleated or gathered over a little wired frame. A cabochon of orange blossoms, white violets, or lilies of the valley may hold the pleats in place at the sides ; or they may be fastened with small pearl buckles. It is a matter of individual preference whether flowers are arranged with the tulle towards the front or not. Orange blossoms look extremely pretty caught under the foamy folds of tulle in the direct front. They are effective, arranged in sprays or in the form of one or two small wreaths. If lace veils are preferred they are generally scarf shape, the two ends narrowing sharply at the bottom, and the middle about a yard and a half wide. An orange spray or half-wreath crowns these veils, which are disposed after the manner of tulle veils. For the bride who cannot afford to lay her wedding gown aside after the ceremony, but who wishes to make use of it as an evening gown, an excellent idea is to have the very long train, which all wedding gowns should have, made so that it can be easily detached, and not ruin the tout ensemble of the costume. If the train is either of satin or lace, it may be fastened to fall from the shoulders, and in this way be entirely separate from the rest of the gown, and very easily removed when desired. Every bride, of course, has her own ideas as to what her bridesmaids shall wear. A dainty gown made for a fashionable bridal party was of opal mousseline, with garnishings of French lace and white louisine ribbons. The lace was introduced in the skirt in waved insertions, which, beginning with a gathered hip yoke, ended with a simple gathered flounce. Down the skirt, at scattered intervals, ran the narrow ribbons, fastening at the lowest insertion with drooping bows.

The baby bodice was of the kilted mousseline, with yoke and bottom sleeves of the lace which fitted down over the hands like mittens. A puff of the mousseline just below the shoulders gave the necessary breadth at this point. More louisine ribbons with bows garlanded the bodice. A novel idea this season for the bridesmaids' gowns is to have them of some transparent material made over a silk foundation, which shows either an elaborately embroidered design or a design worked out in artificial flowers. The effect is extremely pretty, and whatever flower is represented on the silk foundation that is the flower that the bridesmaid either carried for her bouquet or introduces in her picture hat. The tiny maid of honour invariably wears a simple gown of apple-blossom-pink grosgrain silk, with the little bodice trimmed only with a pointed yoke of Irish lace, while the page gives a decided note to the colour scheme in black satin with an embroidered silk waistcoat. It is a fad this autumn with many of the most fashionable brides to emphasise one colour throughout the entire trousseau. If forget-me-not blue, for instance, which is so much a vogue this year, happens to be the bride's favourite colour, a touch of this pretty soft shade should be introduced to as many of her gowns as possible. The lingerie will be run with forget-me-not blue ribbon, and the dainty handkerchiefs will show just a suggestion of blue, either in the embroidered monogram, the printed design, or the border. The going-away gown is in extreme contrast to what it used to be. It no longer announces the fact that the girl who wears it is a bride ; instead, it is purposely designed to disguise this happy fact as much as possible. Consequently, it is, generally speaking a simple, inconspicuous-looking little frock or may be a coat and skirt with the latter made short enough to escape the ground all the way round.

A useful and smart travelling costume would look well in a black and white shepherd plaid, made with a three-quarter coat and a walking-length skirt. It could be trimmed with silver buttons and a touch of coarse white lace introduced at the collars and cuffs. The best tailor-made dress is, of course, a cross between the art of the modiste and the tailor. It must be smart and well fitting, but its severity should be relaxed with touches of softness. A smart goingaway tailored gown recently seen, which admirably merged the grace and cut of the sartorial art, was of prune broadcloth, with trimmings of Oriental braid and edgings of white baby lamb-cloth. It was made with a blouse coat with long skirts to the knee, the upper part of the coat bloused in the back as well as the front very slightly. The trimming faced the collar, and the front of the blouse, and was also let into the back in a V. On the front were gun-metal and brass buttons. The sleeves were very wide at the wrists, and in addition to the band of trimming, they had a double ruffle of pleated mull edged with lace. Another gown was of navy-blue broadcloth. The coat, with the upper part slightly bloused had an extremely long skirt. It reached to within twelve inches of the floor. In the way of colours for the new gown, any tint which suggests the changing foliage of the season is a good one to choose, and no matter how old they seem, the reds and browns of the wood continue to appear. From Paris a girl writes that the prettiest costumes there are all autumnal in colouring. Some of the gowns are all in the same tone, with gloves and hats to match ; but a dash of orange is considered an effective contrast with these brown dresses, and the flowers of hats, cravats, and sleeve ruffles are often in this rich tint. These last are either of raw silk or Canton crepe.

Readers of this column know that there is a good deal seriously to be said about feminine clothing. As regards the general public, the most important indictment is against the trailing skirt, which rescues tubercle bacilli from the sunlight and brings them into the nursery and living room. But as regards the lady herself, a German doctor has just published an exhaustive study of, amongst other things, the weight of feminine clothes which weigh on the average thirty per cent. more than men's though woman is smaller and less muscular. One new criticism of the corset may also be quoted that the modern straight fronted article does its best to produce the type of figure which every anthropologist associates with the Hottentot. The author

sides with everyone who has studied the subject in advocating the bifurcated undergarment against the winning note of the tempestuous petticoat which as Herrick forgot to add protects against neither cold nor dust.

The signing of the Anglo-French Arbitration Treaty, whose deep significance was so little apprehended by the world at large, made one look back with gratitude to the part taken by women in promoting arbitration. Who that was present at that impressive meeting held in Queen's Hall in the summer of 1899 in the interests of international arbitration, under the auspices of the "International Congress of Women," could ever forget it? The memory of that evening, one of the few consoling thoughts during the long agony of the South African war, has never faded from my mind. The truly epoch-making speech then made by Lady Aberdeen, the President of the International Council of Women, struck a chord that still vibrates in our midst when she reminded her hearers of that new kind of patriotism that women were to learn henceforth, and bade them share in the great movement for peace and arbitration that has passed beyond the stage of controversy. Indeed people hardly realize how much is owing to feminine initiative in this question for in that year of 1899 no less than 362 peace meetings were held simultaneously all over the civilized world even including one of two thousand Japanese women under the presidency of a Royal Princess. While in Europe a very important impetus was given to the movement by a woman the Baroness Berthe von Suttner whose famous book Die Waffen Nieder Englished under the title of Lay Down Your Arms—did much to initiate that crusade against militarism which many of our Continental neighbours have backed so courageously.

CYCLING AND MOTORING AT HOME.

LONDON, OCTOBER 23.

We have never put much value on the discount system of the Cyclists' Touring Club, under which members when on tour are allowed a special discount by C.T.C. houses; we have always manitained that an unattached cyclist could tour as cheaply, if not cheaper. This is upheld by two members of the great club who have been recounting their experience whilst on tour. Having spent the night at a Somersetshire town, they asked the landlady after breakfast to bring their bill. The bill was brought and a charge of only 7s. 6d. made. One of the cyclists asked if it covered the two, and was answered in the affirmative. They then produced their cards of membership and the hostess exclaimed "Oh, you belong to the C.T.C., do you? Wait a bit and I will give you the account fully made up." Very soon the good lady returned and presented a bill for 10s., which with the discount taken off, amounted to 8s. 4d. It will be seen that the bill was higher than unattached riders would have been called upon to pay.

It is the custom with many cyclists as soon as winter makes its appearance, to pack away their machines and cycling clothes in some dry store room until spring heralds the season of drier roads, and more congenial weather. But it is a mistake. If a cycle should be always kept in readiness for a ride in the summer months, it is many times more important that it should be in readiness during the winter. An easy ride in the winter is far more beneficial to health than several rides in the summer, because in winter physical exercises are restricted, and a spin snatched now and again would do a world of good. Favourable opportunities for riding in the winter come suddenly without warning, and unless the machine is in readiness it is more than likely that the cyclist would fail to arouse sufficient energy to bring his machine out and attend to the pumping of the tyres and oiling of the bearings. In the case of the all-the-year-round wheelman, who heeds not the mud or wet, but weekly takes his spin awheel, the machine is always kept in riding trim, and there is little doubt that in spite of the wettings he may get, he keeps in better health than those whose cycles are allowed to lie dormant during the winter,

There is a bill in Richmond Park that has been the scene of many accidents amongst cyclists, who with that fool's bravado met with amongst some morials, will scorch along the winding road by which the hill is approached and down the steep decline, totally regardless of their own safety, or the safety of other and usually numerous occupants of the road. Not long ago a fatal accident occurred there, but it acted as no warning—there are more fools where the others came from. One made his appearance the other Sunday afternoon, and on a two-speed free-wheel machine took the hill at a rush. So fast was he travelling that he was unable to negotiate the bend in the road and flew off on to the grass. Marvellous to relate he got off without injuries or damage; one tree he missed by a hair's breadth, and although he fouled another he met with no damage. We are, dear readers, of a charitable disposition, but we should have so liked that fellow punished for his foolishness.

Of the provincial amateur racing men, J. S. Benyon the Chesterfield crack, has been the most succesful during the 1903 season, and one would not be surprised to see him at the top of the tree in 1904, considering the improvement he has shown during the past few months. Altogether, Benyon has competed in nine championship events, but in these he has been unfortunate to an extent, only winning the quarter and one mile British Empire Championships at Glasgow, and the mile N.C.U. championship of the Liverpool Centre. On five occasions he finished second. In all Benyon has captured twenty first prises, thirteen of which in scratch races, including the Licensed Victuallers' Challenge Cup at New Brighton, the Worthington Cup and Carmarthen Gold Vase.

The champion amateur long-distance racing man the 1903 season has undoubtedly been Leon Meredith, of the Paddington Cycling Club, whose name stands out prominently with a grand list of successes. Some of his principal wins are the 100 miles race for the Carwardine Cup, the six hours' race of the Southern Cycling Club, the twenty-five miles National Cyclists' Union championship at Wakefield, the fifty miles unpaced Southern road record, and then later in the season on his Dunlop tyred safety he continued victorious, by annexing the six hours' race for the Dibble Shield, the fifty miles championship of the Southern Cycling Union, and the fifty miles paced race of the Paddington C.C. It is now stated that Meredith intends devoting more attention to sprint racing, and will train for short-distance events next season. The instances where long-distance men have achieved success amongst sprinters are not numerous, but in what A. E. Wills, J. Benyon and Harry Payne have succeeded, why should not Meredith?

The principal racing fixture for the 1904 season will undoubtedly be the World's Championships to be decided in London, most probably at the Crystal Palace track. These championships have never been held in London since they were instituted in 1893. In that year they were held at Chicago, in 1894 at Antwerp, 1895 at Cologne, 1896 at Copenhagen and in 1897 at Glasgow, the only occasion upon which they have been decided in the United Kingdom. On the two following years they were held respectively at Vienna and Montreal, when a split occurred and a new International Union was formed under the title of The Union Cycliste Internationale. Since then the world's championships have been decided at Paris in 1900, Berlin 1901, Rome and Berlin 1902, and Copenhagen this year. The London cycle race goers are bound to turn out in their thousands when next year's championships are decided.

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BOMBAY CORPORATION.

An ordinary monthly meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held yesterday in the Council Hall of the Municipal Office. Sir Bhalchandra Krishna was called to the chair.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that the Secretary had received a letter from Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin, stating that in deference to the wishes of the Hon. Mr. Mehta, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna and Mr. Wacha, he did not desire that there should be a contest in the election of the President, and he accordingly wished to withdraw from the contest. (Applause.)

The Hon. Mr. Mehta said it was necessary that they should now proceed with the business of filling up the vacancy, which had occurred by the resignation of Mr. Framjeebroy Visram as President of the Corporation. He submitted for that purpose the name of Mr. James Macdonald. (applause). Members would remember that Mr. Macdonald had been a member of the Corporation for several years, and had served the Standing Committee, for a great portion of that time. He had been a most practical and useful member of the Corporation, possessing a large share of common sence, and giving good and wholesome advice to the Corporation in his usual conciliatory spirit. He had a peculiar insight into men, and possessed many other qualities and general knowledge, which he always brought to bear upon the discussions in the Corporation. He (Mr. Mehta) was aware that it might be said that Mr. Macdonald inbourd under certain disqualifications, one of them being that he was not a young man. (Laughter and hear, hear) that he had neither the energy nor the vigour required in certain quarters in the Executive Engineer of the Corporation. It was thought by some that young men should supersede older men in the Corporation. Now if he (Mr. Mehta) himself was concerned, he would plead guilty to the charge, and he should say that he might be disqualified by advancing years. But he thought the Corporation would agree with him that though Mr. Macdonald might be supposed to be of advancing years, he had the energy and vigour of a young man. (Hear, hear and applause.) It was also said that Mr. Macdonald had served the Corporation for several years, and that perhaps the right thing to do was to appoint one who had not served so long. But there was the old-fashioned view that the longer one served a public body, the better qualified he was to provide over the destinies of that body. There was again another disqualification which had been urged against Mr. Macdonald, and it was that he was a European. He would like to say a few words in all seriousness on that point. An idea seemed to prevail in the Corporation that the way in which the Corporation should proceed to elect their Presidents, was to give turns to the various communities sitting on the Corporation. He quite agreed that it might, under certain circumstances, form one element of consideration in the matter of the appointment to the chair, but he hoped that members would seriously consider, at least then to put forward that view, that the qualification which ought to be exacted from the member who was to be placed in the chair was that he was a fit man to fill the chair in the right manner. (Hear, hear). He did not mean to say that that arrangement should not be taken into account. If it was the turn of a Hindu, it must not be contended that because it was the turn of a Hindu, a Hindu only should be appointed to the chair, never mind whether there were better qualified members belonging to the other communities. That was a proposition to which he invited the earnest attention of the Corporation. He asked if it was the proper way of filling the chair of a body like the Corporation if He hoped that members would seriously consider the question of giving turns to the several communities, which must only occupy a subordinate position, the first and foremost consideration being the absolute qualifications and merits of the person whom they proposed to place in the chair. (Applause). As distinguished from similar other bodies the Hindus, Parsis, Mahomedans and Europeans had not been working as distinctive communities on the board of the Corporation, but as common citizens of that great city whose interest they were all bound to serve. When people talked about the Hindu interest and the Parsi and Mahomedan interest, they must remember that in the Bombay Corporation they disregarded all race prejudices and predilections, and had worked together as common citizens of the great city. As far as he was concerned he had not found more useful and more sympathetic colleagues working with him than among the other communities in the Corporation. (Hear hear.) As members of the Corporation, there ought to be no distinction of caste or creed, and it was in that spirit that they should proceed to elect the President of that body. The Chairman of the Corporation presided over a number of gentlemen who belonged to the various professions, and who were often of high status and qualifications, and he must, therefore, be one who could make an impression upon all these people. He should also be one to whom implicit obedience should be rendered. Taking that view he ventured to put forward the name of Mr. Macdonald, who was well qualified in every respect for the remaining period.

Sir Harkisondas Narotamdas seconded the proposition which was carried by acclamation.

Sir Bhalchandra Krishna vacated the chair, which was occupied amidst cheers by Mr. Macdonald.

Mr. Macdonald heartily thanked the Corporation for the high honour conferred upon him by placing him in the chair. He knew that a grave responsibility attached to the chair. The Corporation had a right to claim from him perfect courtesy of speech and manner, careful, considerate and a serious attention to the business and interests of the Corporation and its affairs. Depending upon their kind assistance, and that of their esteemed secretary (hear, hear) he promoted to make his best endeavours to carry out his duties in a manner not markedly inferior in affability and judgment to his predecessors. And while it was his ambition by a conscientious discharge of his duties to secure their approval of his work and conduct in the chair, he trusted they would allow him to urge certain claims which he, as the chairman, in whose appointment they had acquiesced, had upon them. Firstly he claimed their acceptance of his decisions as immediate and conclusive, even when they failed to coincide with his opinion of what they should be. Again decorum of language and manner in debate must be maintained and a decent attention to each speaker even though the manner and matter be unpalatable. Again there should be a wise discretion exercised in the selection of subjects and matters submitted in the agenda. They should also exhibit a considerate regard for the time and patience of other members when it was deemed necessary to make any lengthy remarks. It must be their common aim that not only the Corporation should maintain its prestine vigour and traditional dignity, but that the great and important city should have its representatives viewing with each other as to the best and most satisfactory means of securing for it every possible advantage of pure air and plentiful pure water and good houses for all classes. (Applause.) It was a fortunate circumstance that at the present time they could boast of an able, clear headed and judicious administrator and devoted Municipal Commissioner. (Applause) and he was sure that they all heartily wished that the time might be very far distant when they would be called upon to give up his valuable services. (Applause.)

THE QUESTION OF HOUSING THE POOR.

Mr. Hormusji S. Vakil asked for and having obtained priority, moved (a) That the President be authorized to address the Trustees under the City Improvement Act requesting them not to erect semi-permanent dwellings for the poor on the Kennedy Sea Face, (b) That the President be authorized to address the Government of Bombay respectfully soliciting them not to sanction the Trustees' proposal to erect semi-permanent dwellings for the poor on the Kennedy Sea Face. He said it was a matter of congratulation that the Trustees at all events on the present occasion had yielded to the voice of the public and had been endeavouring to find out some spot other than the Kennedy Sea Face to give relief to the poorer and working classes who had been displaced by one of their schemes. Public agitation had been going for some time past on the question whether the Trustees should be allowed to build, what was called semi-permanent dwellings for those displaced by their operations on the Kennedy Sea Face. Various views had been expressed on the subject and from what he had read in the papers of the proceedings of the meeting held by the Trustees, it appeared to him that the majority of the Trustees were at first in favour of the scheme, but thanks of the city were due to General Sir James Willcocks, whose powerful voice had brought about some change in the minds of the Trustees. There could hardly be any doubt that the Kennedy Sea Face was not a proper site for accommodating the poorer class of people; the remedy would be worse than the disease. In the first place he doubted if the Trustees were competent to construct semi-permanent dwellings on the Kennedy Sea Face, for if they seriously looked at the Section they would come to the conclusion that they possessed no such powers. It was strange that at the instance of the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim, the Trustees resolved at their last meeting to again approach the Government to secure the sites, which they had already declined to give for the purpose, while the matter was still pending, the Trustees had invited tenders for the construction of five hundred rooms. Mr. Hormasji did not think it fair on the part of the Trustees to invite the tenders without fixing the spot on which the structures were to be erected. He said the Trustees could find better places than the Kenndy Sea Face. He had taken some trouble in the matter and he would point out three other spots which were better suited for the purpose than the Kennedy Sea Face. There was an open space between the Chowpatty level-crossing and the French Bridge, which could accommodate a thousand rooms. Then there was the Crescent site, which could be utilised for a similar purpose. There was a third open space near the Jaffer Sulleman Musafarkhana on Frere Road, which could accommodate a thousand rooms.

Dr. Jehangir J. Curesjee seconded the proposition. He preferred the portion of the Parade Ground to the Kennedy Sea Face.

The Hon. Mr. Mehta, said they might fairly say that the present situation entirely justified the action which had been taken by the Corporation from time to time with regard to the operation of the Trust. It was said that the Corporation were prejudiced against and hostile to the Trust. That criticism had been applied more specially to him than to any other member, because it was at his instance that the Corporation presented an elaborate representation to the Government for the purpose of reviewing the operation of the Trust. It was now admitted that the Trust launched their scheme too precipitately without any regard to public criticisms. The Government in their reply stated, that time had not come for reviewing the operations of the Trust and told them to hold their peace. Every body now acknowledged that the Trust made a mistake in not providing accommodation for the poorer classes displaced by their operations at the time they launched their schemes. He did not know what the government now thought of it. The question was sorely trying the power of every one who had to deal with its solution. He enterely sympathised with those who said that Kennedy Sea Face should not be utilised for the purpose of housing the poor. But the question then arose how the difficulty was to be met with. They must have some temporary accommodation for the large number of people who ought to be housed during the plague epidemic. He entirely agreed with the Commissioner that the necessity was very urgent. He was in the first place doubtful whether the Trust had now the power of providing house accommodation for those who had been displaced. He referred to section 25 of the Improvement Trust Act which gave the Board the power to deal with the question only at the time of preparing the scheme. He did not think the Beard had power to provide such accommodation independent of the scheme. There was a stronger objection to the Kennedy Sea Face being utilised for the purpose and it was this that it was given to the Corporation on certain terms which were mentioned in the Act and under those terms the Trust had no power to erect temporary structures thereon. All these were difficult and complicated questions and it would not therefore do to go straight to Government and asked them not to allow the Board to build upon the Kennedy Sea Face. He accordingly moved an amendment that the question raised by Mr. Vakil's proposition be referred to a Committee with a request to make a comprehensive report on the subject at a very early date and if they thought necessary to draft a representation to the Improvement Trust and the Government in consultation with the Commissioner.

The Hon. Mr. Vithaldas seconded the amendment.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula said that the sites suggested by the mover of the resolution were unsuitable for the purpose indicated and they had therefore, to consider the three sites recomended by the Trust. It was not advisable in the interest of the city to delay the matter.

Mr. S. D. Khote considered that the Trust should be allowed to do as they thought best. He was not in favour of either the proposition or the amendments.

After some further discussion, the amendment was carried by a majority.

CYCLE TAX.

The Corporation recorded a letter from the Municipal Assessor and Collector, who forwarded a statement showing that during the quarter ending 30th June last, 1,166 bicycles and 10 tricycles were taxed, the amount of the tax levied being Rs. 2,325-12-0.

The Corporation then adjourned till Monday next.

CATTLE MAIMING OUTRAGES.

TRIAL OF A BIRMINGHAM SOLICITOR.

The trial of George Edalji, solicitor, for cattle maiming at Great Wyrley, was resumed at Staffordshire Quarter Sessions on October 21st. Evidence corroborative of the events leading up to the arrest was given by Police-Sergeant Parsons, who stated that after arrest the prisoner said, "I am not surprised. I have been expecting this." He afterwards said, "This is a bit of magistrate's clerk's work. I will make him sit up before I have done with him." The officer described the footprints going in and out of the field as of a very distinctive character like those made by light boots. They were very recent. He afterwards went to the vicarage and saw the prisoner's mother, who produced some of her son's clothing. On the cuffs of the coat there were dark-coloured stains and brown hairs on the breast of the jacket, while the trousers were wet.

Police-Constable Cooper said that the prisoner, in conversation with him, said it appeared to him that the man had stopped killing cattle and commenced to write anonymous letters.

The witness was cross-examined with a view to showing that the hairs found on the prisoner's clothing were transferred from the clothes of the policeman, who had examined the body of the pony.

Wilfred Greatorex, by whom some of the anonymous letters were purported to be written, said he travelled daily with other boys to Walsall. One morning in June, when two horses were mutilated, the defendant was in their carriage, and asked whether the animals belonged to Messrs. Blewitt, and one of the boys answered, "Yes." None of the letters produced cleared Wilfrid Greatorex were in witness's handwriting, and he had nothing to do with them.

Mr. T. H. Gurrin, handwriting expert, said he had made a careful study of the handwriting on certain documents connected with the case. The handwriting of the anonymous letters, though disguised, presented distinguishing features corresponding to those found in letters which were admitted to be in the prisoner's handwriting.

A Birmingham telegram states that a great scare has been caused at Alcester by the circulation of anonymous letters threatening outrages on cattle and girls similar to the Great Wyrley outrages. Women are afraid to go out after dark.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Bombay Government Gazette*, Nov. 12.)

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr A R Banus I C S on return to duty to be Political Agent Janjira.

Lieut Col W P Kennedy Agent to the Governor, Kathiawar was permitted by H M's Secy of State for India to return to duty within the period of his leave.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr E H Waterfield I C S to act as Political Agent Akalkot during the absence on privilege leave of Mr A F Maconochie I C S or pending further orders.

Capt F B Hancock Asst Political Agent second grade has been allowed by H M's Secy of State for India one week's furlough in continuation of the combined privilege leave and furlough granted to him in this Dept Notificatiyn No 2193 dated the 23rd March and to return to duty within the period of his leave.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr J E C Jukes I C L Asst Collector in the district of Ahmedabad is appointed under Sec 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to be a Magistrate of the second class in that district.

Mr Jukes is also appointed under Sec 22 of the Code to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the territories subject to the administration of the Govt of Bombay other than the Presidency Town of Bombay.

Mr J T Scotson I C S Asst Collector in the district of Kaira is appointed under Sec 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to be a Magistrate of the second class in that district.

Mr Scotson is also appointed under Sec 22 of the Code to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the territories subject to the administration of the Govt of Bombay other than the Presidency Town of Bombay.

Mr G N R Lambert sub-pro tem third grade Asst Supt of Police Khandesh and Mr I C Boyd Probationary third grade Asst Supt of Police Khandesh passed on the 18th Sept 1903 an examination in Law according to the test prescribed in Rule XV of the Rules relating to Police Officers dated the 22nd Dec 1894.

Mr P A Kelly Probationary third grade Asst Supt of Police Nasik passed on the 19th Sept 1903 an examination in Marathi according to the test prescribed in Rule XIV of the Rules relating to Police Officers dated the 22nd Dec 1891 as amended by Govt Notification No 2511 dated the 2nd April 1898.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Capt A Hewlett Supt Army Remount Dept Deccan Circle Ahmedanagar to be Special Asst Collector in the Poona and Ahmednagar Districts for horse breeding purposes.

Mr A F Maconochie I C S Collector of Sholapur is allowed privilege leave for twenty three days from 1st Nov.

Mr S M Edwardes I C S has been allowed by His Majesty's Secretary of State for India to rejoin to duty within the period of his leave.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

With reference to Sec 13 of the Bombay Port Trust Act 1879 H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr Currimbhoy Ibrahim to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Port of Bombay vice Mr Fazulbhoy Visram C I E.

Advice to Mothers!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere

THE NATIVE PRESS.

LORD CURZON'S TOUR TO THE PERSIAN GULF.

Noticing Lord Curzon's tour to the Persian Gulf, the "Rast Goftar" remarks:—Russia may feel herself alarmed by the projected tour of Lord Curzon in the Persian Gulf, and the Persian Government themselves may feel a little perturbed by this new departure on the part of the great Indian Proconsul. But the perturbations of the one and the alarms of the other have not sealed up the fountains of Oriental courtesy; and a message of congratulation and welcome has come to the Viceroy from Teheran, couched in language the tenor of which Lord Curzon of all men can never be expected to mistake. Reuter says that the "Teheran Gazette" has published a leading article, expressing the hope that the Viceroy's visit to the Persian Gulf will strengthen the commercial relations between Persia and Great Britain and make the links binding the two countries stronger. There will be no end of profuse greetings; and the presents that his Excellency would lavish would no doubt be received with many smiles. But who would vouch for their permanent value and effect?

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT DHARWAR.

Referring to the District conference held at Dharwar, the "Gujerati" states:—The district Conference held at Dharwar proved quite a success. It was organized on the lines of the Provincial Conference. Five subjects were taken up for discussion and each of them formed the subject matter of a distinct resolution. The organizers of the conference were not unmindful of the claims of the social reform movement upon their attention. They also held a Social Conference and passed resolutions with reference to some of the principal social questions which have been ventilated from the platform of the National Social Conference. It is to be fervently hoped that this activity will not only be maintained in future years, but will stimulate the leading citizens of other districts to similar efforts. It is an encouraging sign to learn that Satara intends holding a District Conference next year. Satara is one of the districts which have terribly suffered from plague. But it is capable of exhibiting genuine local enthusiasm, and we should not be surprised if its public-spirited workers organized not only a political and social Conference but also a show of agricultural cattle or an exhibition of the industrial and agricultural products of the district with the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the local officials.

THE CENTRAL HINDU COLLEGE AT BENARES.

The "Voice of India" congratulates the Central Hindu College at Benares on its affiliation for the B. A. standard. Our contemporary adds:—Mrs. Besant's ambition is to develop it into a Hindu University. It is good to aim high: if you cannot have a University, you may at least have a good college. When Aligarh and Benares and where are the Christians going to locate their Universities? They collect the necessary funds to endow a self-contained University, the time will be ripe to consider the pros and cons of sectarian Universities. We note that Mrs. Besant has at last captured Bombay, and a large contribution to the funds of the College has been secured from the loyal Hindus of this city. Mrs. Besant wishes also to found a college for girls in Benares. If a lady of Mrs. Besant's learning and influence does not succeed in laying the foundations of a Hindu Girls University, who else will?

THE PROPOSED COMMERCIAL BUREAU.

The "Rast Goftar" is glad to note that the Government of India have expressed their determination not to abandon the idea of establishing a Bureau of Commerce in India, and not to go in for what is called a more modest, scheme. Our contemporary adds:—It was not without considerable disappointment that the whole country can know of the fact, some weeks ago, that the Secretary of State had refused to sanction the scheme already proposed to him by the Indian Government, and that the latter was asked to submit a more modest one. The public naturally felt that this meant a less comprehensive scheme, and knowing how sorely India has suffered in the past, owing to the absence of such a department, it did not like the idea of the Government, setting up an establishment which would be handicapped in its operations from the first. If India really wants a commercial bureau—and as to that there cannot be now the least possible doubt—let it have an establishment as efficient and fully equipped as the circumstances of the day demand. We cannot but feel that the Government of India have done a wise thing in refusing to reconsider their scheme in the way it was suggested by the Secretary of State. Mr. Brodrick, we feel confident, would think better of the Viceroy's proposals than his predecessor did, for he cannot but be aware of the enormous good such Bureaus have done to the countries where they have been established.

THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

A tone of hopefulness pervades some of the vernacular journals regarding Mr. Brodrick, the new Secretary of State for India. The "Gujrat Mitra" remarks:—The news wired from Simla by a sympathetic correspondent describes in addition to Mr. Brodrick's many merits the possession of vast energy and hard labour as the chief traits of his character. But these alone do not go for success or efficiency when the occupant of a place armed as he is with autocratic powers does not for lack of sympathy and knowledge of the people generally look to the question before him with an Indian rather than an English eye. Sympathy and knowledge go far in our opinion to the success of a statesman though mere possession of energy and capacity for hard work. Mr. Brodrick no doubt is a man of great earnestness and energy. His career at the War office testified eminently to this part of his character. We may except, however, that in the new sphere of his duties to which his sovereign has called him Mr. Brodrick will ever take care to remember that he has been charged with a sacred trust and that for the achievement of success he must contribute to the mitigation of the suffering and misery of the Indian people, and dispose of Indian questions in the light of the country's wants and not as the exigencies of party politics might dictate.

THE AGRICULTURAL BANKS BILL.

Commenting on the Agricultural Banks Bill, the "Praja Bandhu" says:—We have nothing to say against the object of the Bill, and it will give us genuine satisfaction to see that actual experience realizes the good intentions of the Government. We must confess, however, that judging from past experience, and the present condition of the classes whose co-operation is invoked, we see little chance of the measure proving successful in the near future. The fact of the matter is that the spirit of co-operation on which the author of the Bill counts does not exist. It existed more than a generation ago, but the system of over-centralized and bureaucratic administration, has, in combination with other forces, effectually exterminated the habit of combining for common ends which was once so common, in rural India and even among the guilds and Mahajans of Indian towns. Even now very little is done by Government to promote the habit, and organized efforts for public purposes are looked upon with suspicion by a considerable portion of the Anglo-Indian world. It is well known that those who are well educated do not combine, except temporarily under the impulse of some fascinating idea. It is hardly reasonable to expect co-operation among a people who are divided into individual atoms. The conditions of Indian society as it exists are distinctly unfavourable to the growth of the new institution proposed.

THE COMING CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION.

The "Indu Prakash" states:—The time for the coming Congress is drawing nigh, but we are glad to note that the work for the Congress as well as for the Industrial Exhibition is progressing very satisfactorily. The Madras people have from the beginning shown commendable promptitude in organizing the two big popular functions of the year, they took upon themselves to carry through. This year's Congress seems to have resolved to curtail the number of subjects and to concentrate its energy on the few select subjects of popular grievance. This is a distinctly better plan in our opinion for if the Congress attends to ventilating the most important grievances of the people the work will be more efficiently done than as at present. The work of attending to less important grievances would naturally go to Provincial and District Conferences which should carefully look into the grievances of their respective spheres of activity.

THE UNIVERSITIES BILL.

Most of the native papers view the provisions of the Universities Bill with disfavour, some expressing a belief that India is not in need of any such reform as Government suppose to be wanted. The "Rast Goftar" says:—The long looked for Universities Bill has at last come. Though a much more moderate measure than was expected by some, the Bill will come in for some very fierce criticisms, from those who believe India is not in need of any such reform as Government suppose to be wanted; and that the real motive of the authorities in taking up the question is no other than imposing undue restrictions on the educational establishments of the country, cramping the intellect of the people, and preventing the spread of higher education among them. It is impossible to expect that, in spite of the too evident efforts on the part of Lord Curzon's Government to conciliate those who have been looking with suspicion and distrust on their action in this matter, a conflict would be averted. The Bill, as we have said, is a milder and more modest measure than we expected it to be, but it nevertheless provides for far-reaching changes.

The "Kaiser-i-Hind" discourses:—There cannot but be one opinion among the educated classes of India as to the main features of the Universities Bill which was introduced last Wednesday into the Viceregal Legislative Council by the Hon'ble Mr. Raleigh. Though the full text of the Bill is not yet before us, it may be observed on the strength of the speech made by that member that, save in a few minor details, the Government seems to have almost wholly endorsed the recommendations originally made by the Commission. Precious little is to be discovered of the influence of public criticism which was submitted to Government by recognised public bodies and individuals fully conversant with the internal working of the Senate and the Syndicate, and of the actual teaching condition of Government and private colleges. So far nothing but a feeling of bitter disappointment meet everlake advocates of genuine reform who were led to anticipate a measure, more in harmony with the well-informed public criticism just referred to, from the tenor of the letter of Government which followed the agitation of last year.

The "Gujrati" remarks:—The report of the Universities Commission contained no definite recommendation of a substantial and noteworthy character for the genuine advancement of learning of the promotion of efficient teaching, and in the Bill itself we are unable to discover any thing specially calculated to further that end beyond certain changes in the constitution of Senates and Syndicates and certain provisions for the affiliation and disaffiliation of Colleges. The proposed changes will only result in converting the former into more or less officialised bodies and making the Universities something like departments of the State. If it was deemed necessary to make stricter the conditions for the affiliation of colleges, no fresh legislation was needed, and all that was desired could have been secured by modifying the existing regulations. Theoretically the powers of the Universities have been enlarged, but schemes for the provision of teaching to advanced students have so far been found to be impracticable, and some of them had to be rejected because of the want of necessary funds.

SUIT AGAINST THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE REFERENCE TO A THIRD JUDGE.

At the High Court yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar heard further arguments on a reference made to him by the Chief Justice in the suit brought by Mr. J. M. Cursetjee against the Secretary of State for India in Council. The suit was originally heard before Mr. Justice Tyebjee, who decided adversely to the plaintiff. An appeal from that decision was heard before Mr. Justice Batty, and Mr. Justice Jacob, who, however, differed in opinion; and the matter was referred by the Chief Justice to a third Judge, Mr. Justice Chandavarkar. The plaintiff and appellant appeared in person, while the Hon. Mr. Scott, Advocate General, with Mr. Stanhope Batty, instructed by Mr. Nicholson, Government Solicitor, appeared for the Secretary of State.

Mr. Scott, in continuing his argument on behalf of the defendant, said his Lordship would have to deal with the point whether the publication of the Government resolution was not absolutely privileged and that the suit did not lie. It was an act done in the exercise of governing powers, which were formerly delegated to the East India Company, and secondly, if it was not such an act, then it was done by the Government of Bombay individually without authority as to the public revenues being made liable. The learned Advocate said further that the plaintiff had no right to go into the matters, referred to by Mr. Justice Jacob, without the required previous notice of action. The publication of the resolution was made on public grounds as a warning to Government officials and was absolutely privileged.

It was stated that certain officers of Government published the resolution to certain subordinates as Mr. Shepherd was stated to have done; but this, said the learned Advocate, could not be included as a cause of action in the present suit. It would be preposterous to do so. It was stated that the publication was owing to vindictive and malicious action on the part of certain officials. The learned Advocate said he had shown on the authorities that the revenues of India could not be made liable for such an action as that. Reading Mr. Justice Jacob's judgment, Mr. Scott said his argument on the first point contradicted his argument on the second point. This was a suit not alone against the Government of Bombay; it was a suit against the executive Government of the King, and Government in section 418 of the Code ranked as the Government of the Crown. After reading authorities, the learned Advocate said he had shown how he challenged the conclusions arrived at by Mr. Justice Jacob, and remarked that the conclusions arrived at by Mr. Justice Batty were the correct ones. Communications of State matters made by one officer to another must be absolutely privileged. The learned counsel, quoting from the judgment, said that on that ground Mr. Justice Tyebjee was perfectly justified in saying that the communication was absolutely privileged. The learned counsel next referred, in support of his argument, to what he called the Irish Privilege Case.

Mr. Scott, continuing his argument, next touched upon the point of notice of action, remarking that curiously enough none of the cases cited by the plaintiff touched upon that point. Referring to the notice from the plaintiff, the learned counsel said there was not a hint, not a scrap to show that there was any allegation of malice against any member of the Government. The most important allegation the plaintiff relied upon was not alleged in the notice. Government had no opportunity of considering the allegation, and considering whether the plaintiff was entitled to any compensation in respect of malice. Mr Justice Jacob suggested an amendment of the plaint in that respect but Mr. Justice Batty pointed out that that could not be done. If Mr. Shepherd published the resolution to his subordinates, that was a fresh cause of action, and could not be sued upon in this case. The learned Advocate therefore submitted that on the two main points in the case Mr. Justice Tyebjee was right, and that Mr. Justice Jacob was absolutely wrong in the view he had taken of every point in the case.

Mr. Jehangir, the plaintiff, next addressed the court in reply to the Advocate General. If his Lordship gave his decision now on the main point whether he had jurisdiction to try the whole case, his (plaintiff's) remarks would be condensed.

His Lordship said he would do what he had already stated, namely that he would hear the whole case and then give his decision.

Mr. Jehangir said he would then have to go through the whole case at considerable length, dealing with the judgments of Mr. Justice Batty and Mr. Justice Jacob, and next that of Mr. Justice Tyebjee.

His Lordship said he would like to hear what Mr. Jehangir had to say on the question of notice.

Mr. Jehangir said that, in justice to himself, as it was a very serious matter to him, he must go through the whole case and would come to the question of notice in due course. Mr. Jehangir then related at great length what had taken place before Mr. Justice Tyebjee and Mr. Justice Batty, and Mr. Justice Jacob. He said the learned Advocate-General had changed his colours in every court. Mr. Jehangir was going to refer to the statutes.

The Advocate-General said it was no use going back to the statutes. It was very plainly stated there.

Mr. Jehangir said the Advocate-General had been changing his arguments in every court. He first relied upon the statutes, and again upon the question of notice, etc.

Mr. Scott denied having done what Mr. Jehangir imputed to him.

Mr. Jehangir said that on the question of notice the Advocate-General was actually estopped. He contended that there was a sufficient cause of action disclosed in the plaint. He had argued before the lower courts that the East India Company had not sovereign powers, and he contended now that they had no sovereign powers in India. Neither the Government of India, nor the Bombay Government had sovereign powers. The individual rights of subjects could not be interfered with even by the Crown except by legislation enactments: That was the law as cited by Mr. Justice Batty. Mr. Jehangir went on reading through Mr. Justice Batty's judgment and commented upon portions of it as he proceeded.

The court then adjourned.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	1	4
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	5	2	15
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	6	4	18
D Khetwadi, Girgaum Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	1	1	6
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	1	0	9
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	0	10
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	2
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	3
Hospitals	0	0	3
Total	14	8	67
Total plague deaths to date	283,510	215,556	
Same date last year	17	15	91

INOCULATION.

On the 11th November the plague prophylactic was issued from the Plague Research Laboratory, Bombay, as under:—Bhopal, 501 doses; Satara, 204 doses; and Ahmednagar, 1,002 doses.

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

The need for extra judges is pointed out by the "Law Times," which has been looking into the list of appeals and causes for the Michaelmas sittings. In the aggregate there are 348 appeals and 1,902 causes down for hearing, as

PURELY PERSONAL.

VERY notable Duke, who has estates in the three Kingdoms, and who holds almost princely sway over many workers, had occasion the other day says "M. A. P." to dismiss a labourer for some slackness or misdemeanor. The man was angry at being sacked, and —having nothing further to fear or to hope—wanted to say something very hard and hunting to his master. He could think of nothing much of the kind, for the Duke had been good to him and to his. He was turning away, when he suddenly remembered that the Duke's Lady held a position at Court with the Queen. That was his chance, and his cue, so he turned round on the Duke. Oh, yes your Grace, he said, I'll go home. But though I'm a poor man, thank God I never had to send my missis out to service, as you had. The Duke smiled.

The Duke of Bedford has caused a good deal of amusement to the inhabitants of Woburn by his latest investment, a sort of miniature armoured train, consisting of a truck, painted brown like the Duke's livery, and drawn by a small steam-motor. Both the motor and the truck are protected by high sides, so that the Duke can go in safety into the enclosure where he keeps the wilder animals of his wonderful Zoo at Woburn. Some of these beasts are inclined to be restive at times, and the Duke had a narrow escape of being damaged by a large specimen of deer which turned ferocious one day while the Duke and a somewhat stout friend were in the enclosure, inspecting various new-comers. The enclosures are fenced round with very high palings, and the Duke, who is active and slim, was soon on the outside, but his friend had more difficulty, and only escaped by a very narrow squeak. Hence the new importation. And now the Duke and his friends can steam round the park in safety.

The President of this year's Congress—the Bishop of Bristol, a typical Anglican dignitary—contributed more than anyone else to its acknowledged success (writes Mr. Raymond Blathwayt), and that solely by the weight of his singularly pervading personality. Clad in his doctor's robes, he presented a picturesque and dignified aspect, as, outlined in crimson and mauve against the prevailing black, he presided over the proceedings with a directness which at times almost verged on abruptness. But now and again a smile of singular sweetness flitted over the hard, severe, but decidedly handsome features, and one realised that he was a human being as well as a Bishop and a schoolmaster, and withal one of the most commanding personalities you could well encounter. But his humanity was quite unveiled as he stood before the mass meeting of four thousand women and declared the all powerful influence that two women had exercised upon him throughout the whole of his life. Seventy years of age and not looking sixty, one loved him for all his austerity, and rejoiced in him as a typical English Churchman and gentleman; even at the moment when a hitch, for which he was not in the last to blame, occurred, and he cried out in ringing accents: And I shall go down to prosperity as the Bishop who barked a scientific paper! I, who was for long a science lecturer myself! It was delightfully human. And then the Bishop of Hereford, also a schoolmaster, maker of Clifton College, head of Rugby, now the ideal dignity of the Free Churches; a Radical, a reformer, passionately in earnest, and with his silvery hair, clear-cut features and charming voice a most popular speaker at the Congress, and a phrase-maker, too, as when he referred to the city of Bristol and the tangled skein of its multitudinous life.

Dr. Charles Gore, the Bishop of Worcester, was perhaps the hero of the week, tall, scholarly, bearded, he surveyed his audience with a humorous smile which tended, perhaps, to soften the mordant acidity of his pungent wit. But he never failed to score, and as each well-turned sentence with its gem of thought, cut through the air, it was ever hailed with a storm of applause Perhaps the most remarkable platfrom contrast was that presented by the appearance and papers of two of the Cowley Fathers; one a survival of the far-off stately old Tractarian school, and one a very personification of Twentieth Century theology. I refer to Father Benson and Father Waggett, both admirable specimens of high Anglicanism. As one gazed upon Father Benson, who is now so aged and so feeble (though his voice is wonderfully powerful) that he had to sit while he read his paper, full of the spirituality of the Mediæval Quietists, one thought of the far-off days of John Henry Newman, Hurrel Froude, John Keble, and Dr. Pusey. How the applause rang to the rafters, and men's eyes filled with tears, as the splendid old man drew to his eloquent conclusion.

Now that the Royal visit is a thing of the past (writes my Paris correspondent) Parisians are recalling and will long continue to recall, the fetes held in honour of the King and Queen of Italy. They have been chiefly remarkable for two reasons; the triumph of Queen Helena, and the triumph of Mme. Loubet. To them belong the honours of the occasion. for although King Victor Emmanuel was heartily cheered the cry that predominated was ever Vive la Reine Whenever she passed Queen Helena was the cynosure of all eyes. Her grace, her chic, her charming smile —all three were admired; and then it pleased the Parsians to see that the Queen herself was pleased, and that the decorations delighted her and that the crowd interested her, and that in spite of all the hurry and bustle and whirl she was never bored, not even fatigned. Truly, a triumph! The cheers of the Parisians will long ring in Queen Helena's ears. Never had Queen a more enthusiastic welcome; and as for her photographs, well, they sold by tens of thousands, and now occupy the place of honour in innumerable homes.

Perhaps what most won the Parisian's heart was the Queen's well-known love of freedom and simplicity. Innumerable anecdotes have been narrated of her as a Princess, when in Montenegro, she did exactly what she liked. No ladies-in-waiting and no ceremony and pomp. The youthful and beautiful Princess went hither and thither entirely unattended. She even joined in the rejoicings in the public squares She had a gay word for every one, and when she became Queen of Italy it took her a long time to get accustomed to the etiquette of highly ceremonious European Court. Both she and her husband live as simply as possible at Rome. "Vie bourgeoise" have sneered many of the Italian noblemen; but the King and Queen abhor ceremony, and only countenance it on imperative occasions. An instance of Queen Helena's kindly 'sans gene' was much remarked at the reception of the Italian and Montenegrin colonies. Among the latter were a number of students, to whom the Queen was particularly gracious and when she saw her cousin, also a student, she was heard by everyone around her to say: Don't forget, when you write home, to tell them that I am very, very happy.

Nor has Mme. Loubet's triumph been less remarkable. I have already stated that this is the first "appearance" of the wife of a French President in an official capacity, and Mme. Loubet has come through the ordeal brilliantly. In the beginning Queen Helena was undoubtedly timid and shy, but her kindly one might say motherly, hostess soon set her at her ease. She embraced her on both cheeks at the station and from that moment onwards the Queen and the Presidente became warm friends. At Versailles, at the gala performance at the opera (a dazzling spectacle) upon all occasions, they were to be seen chatting and laughing together; and on Saturday, while the President and King were shooting at Rambouillet, Queen Helena and Mme. Loubet were lunching together at the Elysee. All this has done much to increase Mme. Loubet's popularity. Many a grand dame wondered how Mme. Loubet would acquit herself of her new duties and watched her with a not very kindly curiosity. But the mistress of the Elysee displayed the most admirable sang froid dignity and tact; nothing (so I am told by one who was present) could have exceeded the skill with which she introduced the wives of the Ministers and other ladies to her Royal guest, and, altogether, the complete success of the visit is due in no small degree to Mme. Emile Loubet.

The Bishop of New Guinea, who is now back in his cannibal diocese, is a tall slight, good-looking dark-bearded man, of exceedingly pleasant manners, and great devotion of life. His experiences have been many and curious, and they lose nothing in his telling of them, for he is an admirable raconteur and conversationalist, and is possessed of a great sense of humour He is fond of relating how, in July, 1901, he acted as pig-sticker-in-chief at a great carnival of savages. The Bishop had objected to the cruel method in which the New Guineans slaughtered their swine for great banquets, so he offered to show them a more excellent way. Two thousand savages had assembled to eat one hundred and fifty-nine pigs, so the task was no light one. The native way of killing a pig was to hang him on a pole and them stick him with a spear, the unfortunate animal being in agony for at least ten minutes after. So the Bishop and one of his clergy set to work to shoot them painlessly and rapidly, and in a short time they had killed fifty pigs very easily, though one tough old tusker required five bullets before he would consent to die. Verily a queer experience for an Anglican bishop!

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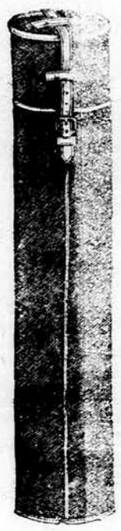

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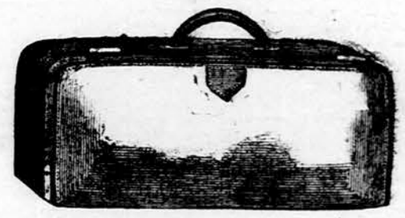

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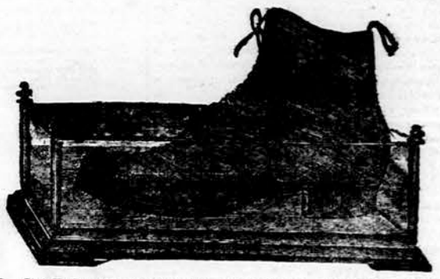

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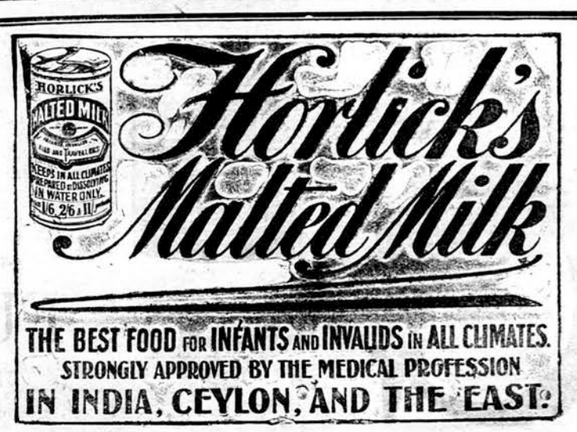
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